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Dear Fathers, Sisters and Members of the Salesian family,

Greetings. We are grateful to God for the blessings and graces we have experienced these past weeks. As a beautiful expression of our devotion and love to the Mother of God, our Help of Christians, we had the novena to Mary Help of Christians. Everyday the recitation of the Holy Rosary was said with the blessing of Mary Help of Christians at the end. Truly a very Salesian and Marian devotion, practiced even during the time of St. John Bosco. The novena concluded on 24th May with a Solemn Eucharistic celebration at which all the members of the Salesian Family joined in. The main event of the festivity was the Perpetual Profession of our local candidate to the Priesthood, Cl. Gilbert Pano. For the gift of Cl. Gilbert we are witnessing a miracle from Our Lady.



We ended the month of May with a solemn blessing of the new Dormitory of the Girls in DBTI. What a blessing not only to our DBTI girls but also to our FMA sisters. This expresses another miracle by our Blessed Mother. From then on our boarding girls will have an assurance of a home that welcomes young females and young professionals.

As we introduce the month of June, we continue our journey of faith. This month is dearly dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our reflection and our longing will be to join the entire Christian people in praying and responding to the invitation of Jesus our Saviour to be one step closer to his heart. May this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus be days of living out our love and devotion to God and to our brothers and sisters.

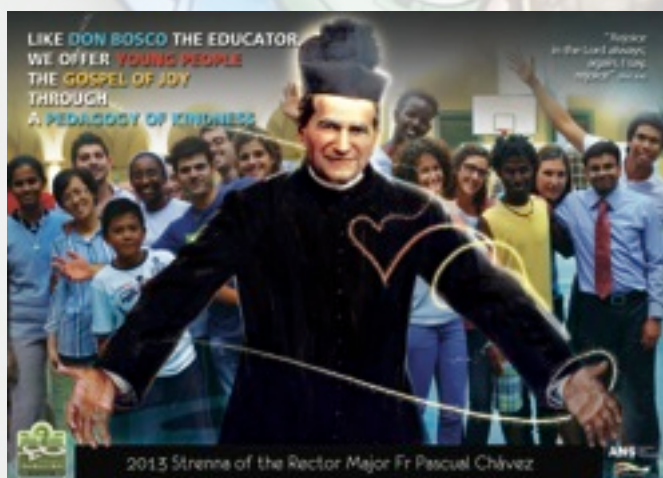
Our congratulation and warm greetings of festivity to our Caritas Sisters. May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, PNG-SI Delegate, 15th June, 2013

“Like Don Bosco the Educator, we offer young people, the Gospel of Joy, through a Pedagogy of Kindness”

2013 Strenna of the Rector Major,
Fr Pascual Chávez sdb



Salesian Missionary Intentions 2013

Mutual Respect: That a culture of dialogue, listening and mutual respect may prevail among peoples.

New Evangelization: That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization.

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I am writing to you ... my young friends !

- Aldo Giraudo

The Need of a Guide

Translated and adapted by Ian Doulton sdb

Here are some of Don Bosco's own words, reconstructed and interpreted. I have imagined Don Bosco speaking to us personally. He has a charming personality, which is deeply spiritual. I thought it useful to share with you something of what I understood from reading his most personal writings. It should arouse in you the desire to get to know him more intimately and to follow his spiritual suggestions in your educative and pastoral ministry at this troubled yet fascinating period of history.



As you make progress in your spiritual life you need a guide. This is a fact of which I am convinced. Even if you are lucky enough to be educated and well informed, should you want to reach a higher spiritual level you need this special personal relationship. In my life I have realized that without spiritual direction you will never achieve anything good. I have tested this with the best youngsters that God placed in my charge.

When I spoke to Dominic Savio for the very first time, I sensed that he was a boy who had been endowed with the Spirit of the Lord and I was surprised by the way grace had already worked in him at such a tender age. He had wonderful parents, great teacher and grew up in a healthy environment. He also displayed a maturity of judgment and reflection beyond his years. He immersed himself enthusiastically into the community of the Oratory and its activities. These positive stimuli were given a fertile environment to blossom. Reading and meditating on the Word of God had refined his interior life until one day he heard some words in a sermon that touched him deeply and flamed his love for God. This was an overwhelming inner experience that was intense and truly spiritual. He felt compelled to surrender everything to God forever. Yet, despite this deeply spiritual experience, he would have made little progress without a spiritual guide.

Spiritual direction helped Dominic to achieve a balance between interiority and a life of action, between prayer and service, between love for God and for his companions, between contemplation and action. He thus, became a model that would motivate so many youngsters, becoming an important point of reference for the spirituality of young apostles and leaders.

Perhaps you will tell me that it is not easy to find a spiritual director. That's true. But I don't believe that you need to be sure about the results in order to know how good a guide is. It is your inner attitude of humility, trust, docility and obedience that allows the Holy Spirit to work effectively in you. Along with this you need a strong desire and a firm determination to embark on this spiritual journey.

That was how it was for Dominic Savio. He confided entirely in me from the first time we met. It was the same for Francis Besucco, the simple shepherd boy from in the mountains of Cuneo, who came to join the community of the Oratory. He came to me and said: "Since I want to put my soul into your hands, I would like to tell you all that is on my conscience so that you may know me better and will be able to give me the best advice to save my soul."

This confidence and obedience, this humble disclosure, according to the great spiritual masters is an essential prerequisite for spiritual progress. In fact, when there are such attitudes, the Holy Spirit, who is the real architect of our interior life, also uses persons who are simple and humble to give us just the right advice. I myself have had this experience. While studying in the public schools of Chieri, I was really helped by my confessor to avoid some humiliating experiences and grow spiritually. But I received much more valuable advice from a companion who was younger than I, his name was Louis Comollo. His habits and his Christian conviction were more effective than any sermon. I learned from him how to live as a Christian. Thanks to his advice I was able to overcome all the doubts I had about my vocation.

Subsequently, in my work as an educator I often collaborated in helping to care for youngsters by assisting them and personally guiding some of their dissipated companions. I chose some bright youngsters who were openly Christian in their behaviour. They were generous, attentive and careful to avoid compromise and mediocrity and they were veritable spiritual guides, achieving results that I would have thought impossible for me.

Points for Reflection and Discussion

- i. Don Bosco reminds that it is indispensable to find a guide in order to progress in the spiritual life. What do you think?
- ii. Do you have a spiritual director? Have you looked for one?
- iii. Will you pray that the Lord helps you meet a 'Spiritual Director'?

I am writing to you ... my young friends !



Blessing of MARY OUR HELP LADY'S DORMITORY



Port Moresby, 31st May, 2013:

On our Lady's Feast of the Visitation, Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby blessed the Mary Our Help Lady's Dormitory near the Salesian Sisters' residence at DBTI. In his welcome address, Fr. Valeriano Barbero welcomed the Governor General, Sir Michael Ogio who gave the key-note address and Sr. Sarah Garcia FMA thanked all those who were involved in the construction.

Benefactors, guests and many of the staff and students of DBTI were present.



In his welcome address, Fr. Valeriano Barbero, who was responsible for the construction of the 3 big buildings, shared that the Salesians will continue to do good works in PNG so long as they can count on the support of generous benefactors. The keynote speaker was the Governor General, Sir Michael Ogio, who congratulated DBTI for providing a safe, peaceful, formative place for many more college girls from far away places to realize their dreams. He was introduced by Mr. Simon Kenehe, Commissioner of Higher Education.

Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby presided over the blessing ceremony and was assisted in the blessing by Fr. Valeriano Barbero, Fr. Raffy Galve, Salesian Delegation Superior and Fr. Louie Castaneda, Rector of DBTI. Sr. Sarah Garcia, Provincial of the FMA sisters thanked everyone on behalf of the sisters and the girls who would benefit from this dormitory. Other friends and benefactors, together with many of the students, participated in this momentous and joyful event during Our Lady's feast of the Visitation.



Photographs anti-clockwise from the top:

- 3 new buildings of Mary Our Help, constructed with big help from the national government of PNG. Fr. Valeriano Barbero was mainly responsible for the construction, with the help of Mr. Vincent Oberes.
- The Governor General, the Grand Chief, Sir Michael Ogio, delivering the key-note address, where he thanked DBTI for providing safe, peaceful and formative place for many more young women all over PNG.
- Sr. Sarah Garcia FMA, Provincial of the Salesian Sisters of the Philippine Province, thanks all those who contributed and supported in the construction of the new buildings.
- Mr. Simon Kenehe, Commissioner for Higher Education, introducing the keynote speaker. Seated are the Governor General and his wife, Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby, Fr. Valeriano Barbero and other benefactors.
- Some refreshments for guests in the newly constructed building.
- Archbishop John Ribat of Port Moresby was one among 6 who did the ceremonial tree planting.
- Traditional dance items from DBTI female students from Buka, North Solomon Province, PNG.



300 Youth for Mary

Youth in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Port Moresby

BOROKO, N.C.D. (Papua New Guinea) 17-19 May 2013 -- Five years ago (2008), in the month of Mary Help of Christians, a group that called itself the "300 Youth for Mary" was founded. They held a Marian Youth Camp at the Don Bosco Technological Institute Compound and this became an annual event. This year, again, about 300 youth from Don Bosco Technological Institute, Don Bosco Technical School, University of Papua New Guinea and other institutions in Port

Moresby came to participate in this event organized by the Core Group Members of the "300 Youth for Mary" and coordinated by Sr. Cristina Villasanta FMA (Spiritual Moderator of DBTI).

The theme for the event is **LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST**. Being in the Year of Faith, this year's Marian Youth Camp is called "Faith Camp on Fire!". Group activities like Faith Sharing and games, singing and dancing, talks and prayers were organized to help the youth deepen their faith in God and to foster devotion to Mama Mary. The youth were also given the opportunity to go for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Three Salesian Priests were asked to be the main speakers: Fr. Angel Sanchez (Spiritual Moderator of Savio Haus Aspirantate) on the topic "I believe in one God, the Father Almighty," Fr. Louie Castaneda (Rector of DBTI) on the topic "I believe in Jesus Christ," and Fr. Ariel Macatangay (Assistant Principal of DBTI) on the topic "I believe in the Holy Spirit." It is hoped that through events like this, we Salesians are able to lead the hearts of Papua New Guinean youth to Jesus through Mary. Not just 300, but 300 times 300 more.

DBTI, HENDERSON

In praise of Mary Help of Christians

The Thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration on the Feast of Mary Help of Christians was presided over by Bishop John Doaninoel sm, Auxiliary Bishop of Honiara. He encouraged the congregation to honour and praise Mary for her presence, guidance and protection.

Later in the morning the students gathered to praise and honour Mary in creative song and artistic expressions. The items from each class included, skits, choirs, a rap number and even a marching band composed by the students. An artistic competition displayed the artistic skills of the students.

Ms. Polona Berlec, Fr. Jose Manjaly Chakku CM and Ms Penny Chilton, judges for the occasion were impressed with the performance. "It was a difficult time judging the event", said Ms Palona. Superior of the Holy Name of Mary Seminary, Tenaru, Fr. Jose said, "Talents are unless if there are no opportunities to express them. Opportunities are nothing if we do not make use of it. The ability to grab the opportunity, showcase and develop your talents is what is important." He thanked the students and the staff for all that they did to prepare, practice and present their items. "It was nice to see the rich creativity in song and action", said Penny Chilton as she announced the winners of the competition.

The Senior Automotive class with their Marching Band item was delighted to receive the 1st Prize, while the Senior Carpentry and Junior Life Skills won the 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively. The entire school was treated to cold drinks and biscuits, while the staff enjoyed a barbecue lunch. Don Bosco is grateful to Quan Chee Motors and Szetu Enterprises for their kindness in sponsoring the event.

Drawing competition

Fr. Angel Sanchez

- Australasia

Session in progress

Sr. Cristina Villasanta FMA

Serving the meal

Dream at the age of nine - acted by the Senior Life Skills students

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Volunteers welcome



The seven who professed with Fr. Provincial, Fr. Rector and Fr. Roger Miranda

The Lord is my Strength

"The Lord is my strength" Ps:41 was the theme of the Perpetual Profession that took place on 1st May, 2013. Seven brothers professed perpetually at the hands Fr. Eligio Cruz sdb, Provincial of the FIN province. In his homily, Fr. provincial highlighted faithfulness of person of St Joseph, patron of the Church and of our Congregation. "His faithfulness must inspire you and never forget to pray for his help", he said. He also reminded the ones who professed that they are to be for Christ and none else. Therefore they must die in Christ in order to the resurrected Christ to the young. "Brothers, you don't profess for personal fulfilment, you are for Christ."

Those who made their Perpetual Profession are: 4 from East Timor, 1 from Indonesia, 1 from Kenya Cl. Stephen Maswili and 1 from Congo Cl. Moise Palaku, the last 2 belong to the PNG-SI Delegation. Among the friends and guests were Cl. Gilbert Pano and Fr. Roger Miranda who represented the Delegation at the celebration. The event was celebrated with songs and a delightful Filipino cuisine.

Brothers Stephen and Moise are grateful to the Salesians who have assisted them in the process of the initial formation. Different Rectors have guided them along their path and as they move forward they entrust themselves to the prayers of all the Salesians, friends and young people.



With friends at the profession



Perpetual profession

Perpetual Profession

24th May, 2013: A happy gathering of Salesian family and friends marked our celebration of Our Lady's solemn feast at the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians, Port Moresby, with the perpetual profession of Cl. Gilbert Pano SDB. A family dinner was held to celebrate the event at the Emmaus Centre.



Celebrations



The walk uphill

Our Trip to Lanuzel

- Bellie Gutierrez

Taking advantage of the long weekend and the holiday after Easter, Fr. Valeriano Barbero organized a trip to Lanuzel, a 3 hour drive from Kokopo. An excited Fr. Stephano Yu, SDB joined us as well.

Not knowing the exact location of the place we felt that the trip was too long, but we were determined to reach our destination. We arrived at the parish house and then learned that we have to walk uphill on a difficult and slippery track. Fr. Valeriano climbed up quite quickly, while a few of us struggled to reach the top. We visited the graves and said our prayers and returned back. Due to the rain the rivers were filling up and one of our vehicles got stuck in the mud and had to be towed out. We all enjoyed the trip and found a dry river spot to have our lunch. We then finally continued our trip back to Kokopo.



Enjoying our lunch



Stuck in the mud

KUMGI

DEATH RATHER THAN SIN

Feast of St. DOMINIC SAVIO.

- Edwick Kaupa and Clara Noglai 20A



The feast of Dominic Savio was celebrated in Bosconian style with cheerful hearts and a smile on every ones face. It was also the second ordination anniversary of Fr. Shoji. Like other Don Bosco Schools we too had many days of preparations under the guidance of Mr. John Puk and the Savio group. Fr. Shoji presided over the Eucharistic celebration. The well organized mass with beautiful songs and prayers were wonderfully recited and sung by the Bosconians. After the mass, the students were given thirty minutes to prepare for the next lot of activities which was the *Sports Fest*. The students dressed in different colors led by their lively mascots carrying their colorful banner flying high above their heads walked in painted bodies in a procession reciting their war cry and slogans from the Basketball court to the gym. Mr. Bruno gave a leading role to the program. The Gymnasium was very noisy with rattling of metal, shouts, yells, whistles. The competitions involved Banner description, dance parade, war cry, and explanation of the mascot. The day was colorful and enjoyable. The creative and interesting ideas that were put together for the performance showed cooperation and team work of everyone. That's a good sign of building our integral human

development. We thank the gift of Dominic Savio, the little giant of the young and his precious motto: "Death rather than Sin". As young Bosconians we uphold and cherish this feast and build our lives on the examples of the saint.



Reach out your Hand - 5

- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb



In the Computer room

24 San Isidro Care Centre Students accompanied by their staff spent an enjoyable weekend at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. The programme was held on the 3rd and 4th May, 2013.

Director, Br George van der Zant sm, was delighted to have the students get the basics of computers. 'The students are excited about the programme and the weekend here. I am happy that they now have an idea about computers. We look forward to set up our own computer laboratory and we need volunteers to spend their time and help us teach the students', he continued.



Learning Sign Language with Lynette Mane

The participants were given a warm welcome on their arrival. Every student had someone to assist them follow instructions at every moment. "In our world of growing technology, it is important that the students learn the basics and that they can share it with the less fortunate ones", said Marianita Cabrigas, who spent time with the students at the programme. Action songs, the Eucharistic celebration and lively games were part of the interesting weekend programme.

Upgrades at the Don Bosco Technical Institute have been the work of Fr. Srimal Priyanga sdb over the past several weeks. Once complete, and with the presence of a volunteer Instructor, basic computer programmes will be announced. Luke Houperre, Deputy Principal at the school coordinated the programme with the SRC students and a few Instructors. "We need to give our young a direction and guidance that will help them in their lives", he said. Fr. Dominic Kachira sdb, Administrator together with a few girls ensured that the meals were tasty and delicious.

Eucharistic celebration

"Don Bosco has been privileged to host this 'Out Reach' programme. It has given us an opportunity to look beyond ourselves and see how we can assist others. We look forward to other programmes as well", said Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb.



Don Bosco and San Isidro are grateful to Quan Chee Motors, Global World, the Filipino community and the Salesian sisters that have supported the programme through food and other items. These will benefit the students at their centre in Aruligo.

Luke Houperre instructing a student



Inauguration of New Carpentry workshop at Don Bosco KUMGI

It was a historical day for Don Bosco Tech Kumgi on 24th May when we celebrated the feast of Mary Help of Christians the blessing of new Carpentry Workshop. The TVET department through the help of the National Planning acquired three million kina for the infrastructure development of the TVET schools in Simbu province. The department gave us 242,000 Kina for the construction of the workshop. The foundation stone for the workshop was laid in the presence of TVET officers on 16th August 2012 when we celebrated the birthday of Don Bosco. The community members together with the staff, students and ancillary worked

tirelessly for the past eight months to make this building a reality. Under the engineering supervision of Fr. Angelo the community put hands together and miracle building became a reality. Since the donated amount was not sufficient to carry out the construction, Don Bosco school community added another 250,000 Kina and completed the massive workshop. The workshop has wood working machines, ample space for work, wood storage, show room and plumbing trade room.

We were blessed to have Bishop Anton Bal of Kundiawa diocese on this day to bless this building. He commended on the work of the Salesians and the service we do in the diocese for the marginalised youth of PNG. The building was inaugurated on 7th June on the feast day of Sacred Heart. The inauguration ceremony was carried out by the Provincial Education Advisor Mr. Essy Walkaima and TVET Coordinator Mr. Paul Gun in the presence of the other dignitaries. We thank the good Lord for the blessings He is bestowing upon our school and we wish many more young underprivileged young people will benefit from this new workshop.



Blessing of new Carpentry Workshop

The Salesians of Don Bosco are a congregation who cater to the growth and development of youth - that part of society most exposed to danger yet so rich in promise.

The PNG-SI Delegation runs Technical Institutes, parishes and is involved in the formation of its personnel.

We need your help to support and assist us as we go about our work for the young.

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- **Bank / Branch:** ANZ / Waigani (Papua New Guinea)
- **Account Name:** SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO
- **Account Number:** 11418878
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DBTI-APTC partnership Australia-Pacific Technical College launches new home in Honiara

Custom dance by the Automotive students

Honiara will soon benefit from its own Australia-Pacific Technical College (APTC) campus following the launch of a SBD14 million (A\$1.9 million) partnership between APTC and Honiara's Don Bosco Technical Institute today.

AusAID Director General Mr Peter Baxter joined hundreds of students, staff and community members to launch the partnership. Mr Baxter said the partnership will give more Solomon Islanders the chance to learn new skills and secure a job.

"Up to 300 students will now have the chance to gain internationally recognised qualifications in automotive repair and construction over the next three years," Mr Baxter said.

"They will join more than 490 Solomon Islanders who have already graduated from APTC and now have the skills, training and confidence to take advantage of job opportunities, either in Solomon Islands or in the region." Mr Baxter said the partnership will fund the enrolment of students and support upgrades to Don Bosco's facilities.

"I am pleased that we are partnering with Don Bosco – an important institution of teaching, learning and training in Solomon Islands," Mr Baxter said. Supporting investments in training and skills development is a key focus of the Solomon Islands – Australia Partnership for Development, and for AusAID more widely in the Pacific.



The A\$150 million APTC was established in 2007 to increase skilled workers in the Pacific and improve employment opportunities for Pacific Islanders. More than 4950 Pacific Islanders have graduated with new skills from the APTC's four campuses in Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea.

Solomon Islanders will continue to have access to the APTC's four other regional campuses and a range of courses including hospitality, engineering and community



Photographs anti clockwise:
Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, Rector celebrates the launch, In the Carpentry workshop, Guests in the Automotive workshop, VIPs on the dais, Governor General and guests visit the Automotive workshop.



The principles of *missio inter gentes* are the gift which the Church in East Asia offers to the Universal Church!



ROME 10 May 2013 - Fr Alfred Maraviglia, long-time missionary from the Philippines to the PNG-SI Delegation and currently a key member of the Missions Department of the Congregation in Rome, has successfully defended his doctoral thesis on an Asian theological method in *missio inter gentes*, based on the thinking developed through the activities and documentation of the Federation of Asian Bishops Conference (FABC).

The question: How can the Gospel be proclaimed in a context where Christians make up the "little flock in Asia" today? The FABC has continuously

sought to respond to this question during its more than forty years of existence. This thesis draws out theological principles from FABC documents in order to develop an Asian theological method with a particular focus on East Asia. It systematically constructs a *missio inter gentes* theology which "will reckon with the Asian way of life and the Asian way of thinking" hence, authentically Asian and profoundly Catholic.

The FABC insists that any theologising in Asia must start from the context of a diversity of cultures, religions and poor multitudes of Asia and consider this threefold context as the *locus theologicus* which offers positive resources and potentials for theology. Thus, this thesis starts with a situation analysis of East Asian context using especially the historical-narrative approach.

The originality, relevance and value of this thesis lies in Fr Maraviglia's proposal to use the Yinyang Taoist symbol as the conceptual framework underlying the theological method for *missio inter gentes* which he draws out from the FABC documents.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

JUNE:

- 5 Cl. SACHITULA, Pedro (1981)
- 12 Cl. LE, Mac Khai(Peter) (1982) and Br. OHOU, Jefferson (1979)
- 18 Fr. COLOMA, Redentor (1967) and Fr. SWER, Albert (1971)

JULY:

- 28 Fr. CABRIDO, John (1959)
- 31 Fr. MARAVILLA, Alfred (1962)

AUGUST:

- 3 Fr. CASTANEDA, Luis
- 10 Fr. RYAN EY, Peter (1981)
- 17 Fr. MIRANDA, Roger (1961)
- 18 Fr. XALXO, Pankaj (1973)
- 26 Cl. PANO, Gilbert (1980)
- 31 Fr. BARBERO, Valeriano (1938)

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PROGRAMMES ahead

JUNE:

- 14: 34th Anniversary of SDB in PNG
- 16 - 22: RI Coordinators Meeting
- 22 - 23: Spiritual Moderators meeting
- 24 - 26: Quinquennial Seminar
- 28: Term 2 break
- 30 - 05: 1st Batch Yearly Retreat

JULY:

- 06: Delegation Day
- 07: Salesian Family Day
- 07 - 13: 2nd Batch Yearly Retreat - Rectors
- 13 - 14: Rector's Meeting