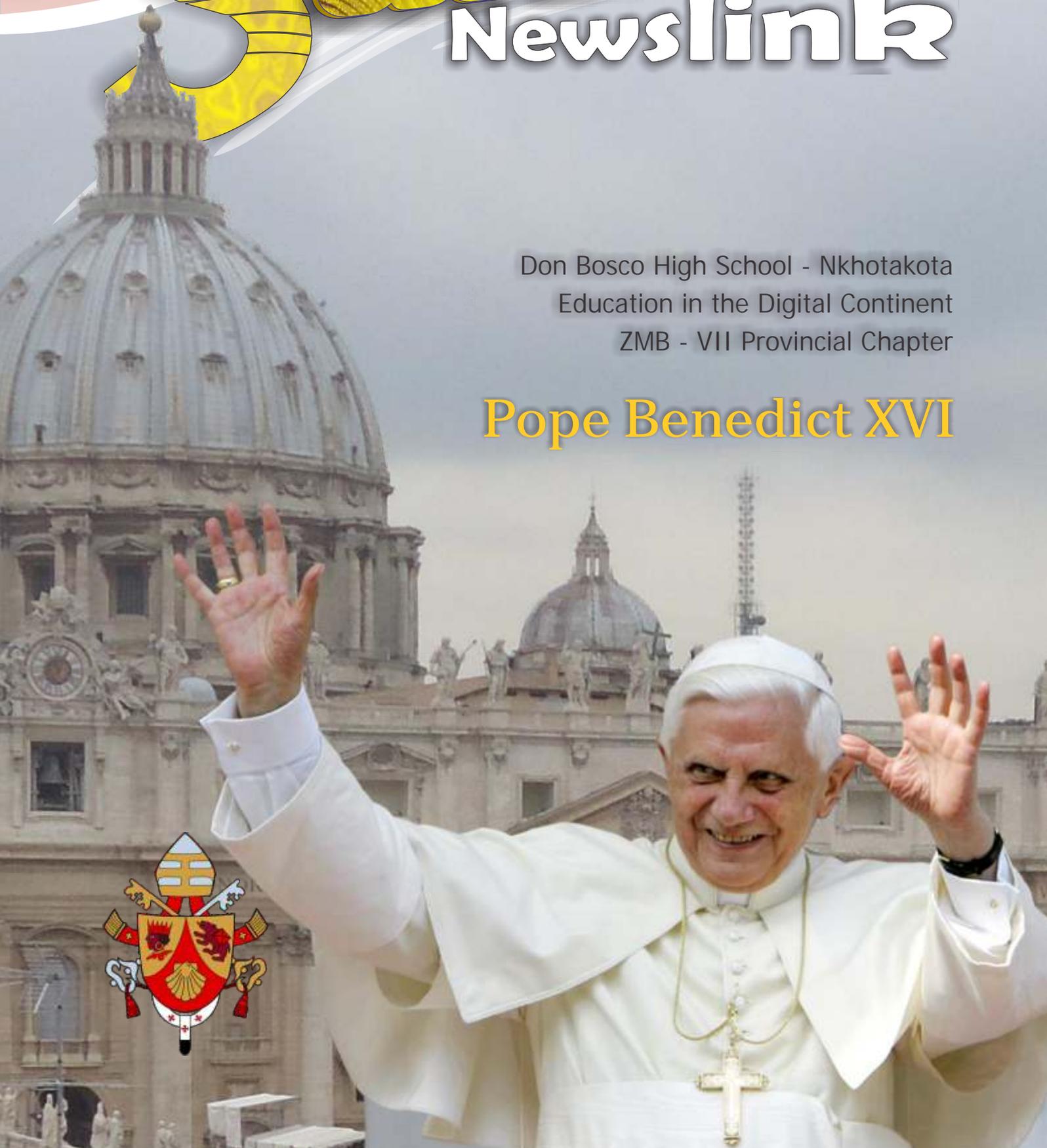


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HISTORIA Magistra vitae est

Fr. Javier Antonio Barrientos

The year we just began keeps bringing about surprising events. A few days ago a meteorite disintegrated in the Russian sky, injuring more than a thousand people and destroying not a few buildings. In addition to this event, days later we learned of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI to the Chair of Peter.

Last year's happenings are still echoing in our minds. The last one and perhaps the most painful of all was the death of Clement Mutamba, a young Salesian whose life cancer cut short. We saw him fighting for life, dealing with the whole scaring idea of death and finally we saw him gone. Together with Clement's death we also witness the departure of other family members of some of our confreres in ZMB. They leave behind the example of their lives, but also the emptiness of their absence, yet life goes on.

Our Vice-Province [ZMB] is also witnessing a period of transformation and growth. The community in Nkhotakota (Malawi) is proud of the progress students are making and the good education they provide to the children of Nkhotakota. The school in Mansa (in the north of Zambia) is almost ready to open its doors to the first intake in 2014. In Kabwe, a partnership is underway between the Vice-Province and Sables (an Irish Organisation) for the opening of the long-desired 'Street-kids Project'. But at the same time, we need to evaluate the

significance of others and eventually make a move, as it will happen in the forthcoming VII Provincial Chapter.

History speaks of the victory won by George Washington and his small battalion. When none expected them to make a difference in the American Civil War, they gave all their lives for the ideals they believed in. They are now reckoned to have been the 'right men' who did the 'right thing' at the 'right time'. The capacity to assess the situation and to give the answer the time and situation deserve; this is a lesson we can draw from George Washington's move and lately the Pope's resignation.



Life is dynamic and we have to take it this way; yet as the Latin proverb reads, 'non progredi est regredi' 'not going forward is already going backward.' This is the experience of the Zambian Soccer Team, champions of the AFCON 2012; winners last year and only.

As the year unfolds, all the events that keep on surprising us, it is important to keep perspective and never lose sense of direction. We have achieved many things individually, as a community, Vice-Province, etc. There is call to continue growing, with positive thinking and enthusiasm, finding the way, or making one, an urgent need to continue making the difference, progressing in quality but also in holiness. ☪



Don Bosco
EDUCATOR



Fr Pascual Chavez SDB
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The Devil is Afraid of Happy People

rector major

DON BOSCO
NARRATES

I am known throughout the world as a saint who has openhandedly sown so much joy. Indeed, as someone who knew me personally wrote: I made Christian joy "the eleventh commandment". The experience convinced me that you cannot work without this wonderful educational drive, this beautiful step ahead, which is joy. And, what's more, because my kids were deeply convinced. "If you want your life to be happy and peaceful, you

must do so by staying in the grace of God, since the heart of the young man who is in sin is like the sea in continuous turmoil". That's why I remembered always that "joy comes from peace of heart". I insisted: "I don't want anything other than a young man who does what is good and is always cheerful".

At times, someone comes to mind as the eternal acrobat of the Becchi and I think 'you can do me a big favour'. But it is a very reduced image of my ideal. Games, rides, musical bands, theatrical performances and



festivals were a means, not an end. I had in mind what I wrote openly to my kids: "I have only one desire: to see you happy in time and in eternity".

Games and happiness were for me a form of serious apostolate, of which I was deeply convinced. Since my boyhood, for me joy was an inseparable element from study, from work and from compassion. A lad from those early years remembering the 'heroic' years, described them thus: "Thinking about how he ate and how he slept, now we wonder how he had then been able to enjoy himself, without sometimes suffering and without complaining. But we were happy, we lived for affection".

To live and pass on the joy was a form of life, a conscious choice of pedagogy in action. For me, the lad was always a lad, his deep need was joy, freedom and playfulness. I found it natural that I, a priest for the young, passed on to them the good and joyful news contained in the Gospel. And I did not have to do it with a stern face and in unfriendly and abrupt ways. Young people had to understand that for me having fun was something really serious! The courtyard was my library, my chair where I was at times both teacher and student; that joy is the Basic Law of youth.

Increasing the value of theatre, music, song. Organizing in minute detail the famous autumn walks.

In 1847, a book on Christian formation was printed, *The cared-for young man*. I'd written it losing many hours of sleep. The first words that my boys were reading were these: "the first and foremost trick with which the Devil sweeps away young souls from virtue is to let them think that serving the Lord consists of a melancholic life far removed from all fun and pleasure. Not so, dear young people. I want to teach you a Christian way of life which can at the same time make it cheerful and happy, in addition, those things which are real fun and real pleasure.... This precisely is the purpose of this booklet, serve the Lord, and be happy".

As you can see, for me joy has a deep religious significance. In my educational style there was a balanced combination of sacred and profane, of nature and of grace. The results didn't take long to appear, so much so, that in some autobiographical notes that I was almost compelled to write, I could say: "Faithful to this mixture of devotion, amusements and trips; everyone who became part of the sign, were not only very obedient to my commands, but were anxious to help to carry out some task".

I wasn't just satisfied that young people were cheerful; I wanted them to spread around this atmosphere of rejoicing, of enthusiasm, and love of life; I wanted them to be builders of hope and joy. Missionaries to other young people through the apostolate of happiness. A contagious apostolate. ☺



The Church belongs to CHRIST

Source: Zenit.org
/ Vatican City, February 13, 2013
Junno Arocho Esteves

Prior to delivering his weekly General Audience address, Pope Benedict XVI spoke on his retirement set for the end of the month. Thousands of pilgrims gathered at Paul VI Hall to express their support for the Supreme Pontiff.

"As you know, [...] I have decided to give up the ministry that the Lord entrusted to me on April 19, 2005," the Holy Father said.

"I did this in full freedom for the good of the Church, after having prayed at length and having examined my conscience before God, well aware of the seriousness of the act, but equally conscious of no longer being able to carry out the Petrine ministry with the strength that it requires."

Thanking the Church faithful for their support -- which was displayed with prolonged applause and chants of 'Viva il Papa' (Long live the Pope) -- the 85-year-old Pontiff conveyed his certainty that "the Church is Christ" and that He "will never allow it to lack His leadership and care."

The Holy Father thanked the faithful for the prayers and love displayed, "with which you have accompanied me."

"Thank you," the Pope said. "I have felt almost physically in these days, which are not easy for me, the power of prayer that the love of the Church, your prayer, is bringing me. Continue to pray for me, for the Church, for the future Pope, who will lead us."

'The Church Belongs to Christ'

After the general audience, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Vatican press office, met with journalists to discuss the Holy Father's words and his schedule in the coming weeks.

Fr. Lombardi dwelt on the Holy Father's words at the start of the General Audience, since the Holy Father "addressed the people of God directly" regarding his resignation.

"The climate of the audience was profound and touching," Father Lombardi noted.

The director of the press office also remarked on the importance of the Holy Father's certainty that the Church belongs to Christ. "If anyone is having difficulty with the Pope's decision, they may be consoled that the Church is sustained by the grace of God and of Christ," Fr. Lombardi said.

"The Holy Father" he continued, "felt the support and comfort of the prayers of the faithful, of the people of God."

Speaking personally on the Pope's impending retirement, Fr. Lombardi expressed his admiration for the "free, humble, responsible, and lucid decision made by the Holy Father."

"We have seen him become fragile with time," the Jesuit acknowledged, "but it was up to him to decide on the seriousness of his health." 



THROUGH SUFFERING to ENDLESS HAPPINESS

Fr. George Chalissery SDB
Provincial Superior of ZMB

My Dear Friends,

There is a famous saying: “Good people are like tea leaves; their real strength comes out when they are in hot water”. We have entered the season of Lent. It is an opportunity to look at ourselves and to see which areas of our life we need to grow more and which areas of our life we need readjusting.

Our life is filled with temptations and struggles. Jesus, the Son of God Himself was not free from them. St Luke tells us in his description of the temptation scene: “And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time” (Lk 4:13).

The temptation to play the glorious Messiah was always there in the life of Jesus – not only in the first temptation scenes. The devil will tempt him in the person of His disciples who did not want to hear of his passion and death; and through the large crowds who followed him and hung on to his every word, among whom he was very popular. The apostles would seek places of honour in his kingdom and argue about who was the greatest among them all. Their minds were fixed. Jesus painstakingly tries to impress on them that he did not come to re-establish the Jewish kingdom, but the Kingdom of God where all men and women of every race language and way of life had a rightful place because everyone is a child of God and has been adopted by God.

Trials come our way, day in and day out – failures, dangers, unpopularity, sacrifices. These trials and difficulties we face are opportunities we have, to bring out the best in

us. Just because of an apparent failure at the first effort, we need not lose heart. We continue struggling on and on. These trials prove our worth. That we can handle misunderstanding with equanimity of heart and mind and that we do not need to be crushed. If we meet with failure at the first attempt, we try again.

Mother Theresa when she started her work for the poor and abandoned met with open hostility from people. They misinterpreted her goodness. She also struggled within herself and was often tempted very seriously to doubt if God ever loved her etc... But she came through it all abandoning herself to God. This is the clue to success in temptations and trials. We fall into the arms of God.

I wish you all dear friends a very Happy Easter. The Risen Jesus represents the fruit of total surrender to God even if it was very painful and dark as was on that Good Friday. May we fling ourselves into the arms of the Lord in loving surrender and experience the wonder of His loving Presence close to us.

During these days we were all surprised at the news of the resignation of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In all humility, he felt he was not able to serve the Church as he should. The media is rife with speculations as to why he resigned and as to who would be the next pope and what name he would take. I guess these are unimportant. As he himself requested of us, we continue to pray for him and for his successor that our faith may continue to grow ever deeper in ourselves and in many more peoples of the world.

With best wishes and prayers,

Yours aff.ly,

Fr George Chalissery SDB



Local NEWS

Tsabango - Lilongwe (MALAWI) 12/02/2013.

PROGRESS IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.

Fr. Patrick Makina sdb, parish priest of St. John Bosco Parish in Lilongwe Area 23, and the community are carrying out with the construction of the church. The target is the finishing off of the floors with the terrazzo material before proceeding on to fixing all doors and windows. A small set back is found in the roof of the church that is currently leaking in a few places. Two engineers were called to the site in order to assess the situation and come up with a viable solution.



Mansa - Chimese (ZAMBIA) 01/03/2013. SOLEMNITY OF ST JOHN BOSCO.

Hundreds of kids gathered at Don Bosco Youth Centre to celebrate the Solemnity of St. John Bosco. The feast was prepared with the novena in honour of the Saint of youth, preached by Deacon Jerome Bwalya. On the feast day dances, drills and other forms of entertainment showed how much young people love Don Bosco.



The Eucharist was the centre of the celebrations and it was presided by Fr. Oswald Mulenga, rector of the community. The day ended with the giving away of prizes to the winners of the competitions and different performances

.Lusaka (ZAMBIA) 20/01/2013.- Weekend Retreat for Salesian Co-operators of Bauleni.

Salesian Cooperators from Bauleni gathered at the provincial house to participate in a weekend retreat organised by Fr. Lewis Malama sdb. The initiative came from the group of Salesian Co-operators of Bauleni who annually gather to have days of study and reflection on the identity of the Salesian Co-operator. This weekend retreat helped them to evaluate their lives and pastoral engagement as regards the year 2012 that is now over, and briefly plan what is to come in the year 2013. The Provincial of ZMB, Fr. George Chalissery SDB, helped with a few sessions and with the eucharistic celebration on the second and third days. The group finish the weekend retreat with a get together with the Salesian community of Chawama.



Kabwe (ZAMBIA) 15/01/2013.- PROVINCIAL COUNCIL.

The provincial and his council visited Kabwe community in the first day of work. Fr. Mariusz and Fr. Andrew showed the provincial



and the councilors the progress made in the church construction. The community also showed the council the constructions going on at Don Bosco Outstation in Makululu (Kabwe-Zambia). The council will travel to Chingola for the second day of the provincial council. In Chingola, Fr. Slawek Bartodziej showed the council the damaged roof of the pre-novitate, blown away during a heavy storm at the end of December 2012.



Nkhotakota (MALAWI) 23/12/2012.- ATTACK ON A CATHOLIC MISSION.

One of the outstations of St. Paul's Parish in Nkhotakota was burnt to the ground by an unidentified group of people, most probably Muslim. The area where the Catholic outstation is located is predominantly Muslim and at times hostile to Catholics. The outstation is hardly 20 km from the main parish church. The parish priest of St. Paul, Fr. Jozef Czerwinski and the parish community are seeking ways to rebuild the outstation and to strengthen the Catholic community. ☺



Motto:
"Enemies of Ignorance"

Don Bosco High School NKHOTAKOTA

Nkhhotakota (Malawi) 01/02/2013.- Don Bosco High School won a local competition in Literature and English Composition. Form II Students of Don Bosco High School in Nkhotakota have won a local competition, which made them be ready to participate at the district level. The winners were congratulated by the School Manager Fr. Christopher Kunda SDB. The competition took place over the weekend and the pupils of Don Bosco High stood tall during the exercise, showing to the jury how well prepared they were. Don Bosco High School is quite new and this is its first year of operations. The local community has welcomed the initiative of the local bishop Mgr. Ste Marie and the parish community to put up a beautiful structure for the local kids who otherwise had to migrate to neighbouring towns in search of a secondary school where to pursue their secondary education.

Don Bosco High school is a project of the archdiocese of Lilongwe with the cooperation of the Salesians of Don Bosco and partners from Europe (Manos Unidas) who sponsored the construction of some of the classrooms and the administration block.

It is remarkable the presence of young volunteers from Don Bosco Mission (Bonn-Germany) who teach English language and other subjects. The project is very promising and it is an example of vision, cooperation and good will in promoting the education and evangelisation of young people from the local community. ☺



Young People & the Year of Faith

Catholic Students of Rundu make a remarkable step of Spiritual Formation

It is quite sad to witness that our Church (Catholic) has become the centre of misleading and groundless criticism, a situation that has shaken up the faith of a considerable number of lay members of the Catholic Church. Sadly enough, among those struggling to keep and maintain good spiritual norms promoted by our church are the young. Without any doubt this is an issue that requires immediate response beginning with the local communities of Catholic believers.

A group of students belonging to St. Mary's Parish in Rundu decided to organise a spiritual workshop for Catholic students of the neighbourhoods of Rundu district. They aimed at sharing their faith experience with one another, searching for ways to put an end to the confusion on the basics of the Catholic faith that prevails at all levels.

The event was held at Don Bosco Youth Centre in Rundu and the majority of attendants were students. The theme of the workshop was "THE WORKS AND FAITH OF A CATHOLIC STUDENT", which follows an important truth: 'young people need to participate in the pastoral and service work performed in their parishes or Christian communities'.

The programme was guided by Dn. Jerome Bwalya SDB, with collaboration of Fr. Jerzy Szurgot, the youth chaplain and Fr. Henry Juszczak, the parish priest of St. Mary's mission.

Dn. Jerome spoke on the topic "Devotion and Consistency in the Church". His presentation helped students become aware of the rich tradition of the Catholic Church which comes down to us through the centuries. On the side of the students, the topic entitled "Healthy desires among the Catholic youths" was presented by Meinolf Simbenda. He reminded students to put God first in their life, family and studies, wherever they are, whatever they do. An opportunity was also granted to the candidates to share their views, raising questions or comments on the contents of the two talks and also on matters of relevant interest.

The workshop was well attended and the talks were welcomed by the participants with interest. As a way of a concrete plan of action, they proposed a reliable way of communication that can keep them and other Catholic youths in touch. This comes true in the creation of a Facebook page titled "CATHOLIC



YOUTHS IN RUNDU" as well as a group titled "RUNDU CATHOLIC YOUTHS", which was found to be a medium that can aid sharing of educative matters which are essential to the lives of Catholic Student Christians. The newly enlarged group also promised to hold weekly meetings to discuss and work on ideas of equal relevance alongside other groups at the parish and the diocese or vicariate as a whole. The next step is planning of a larger gathering in June, so as to increase our witness on the Catholic Faith in this year of Faith. ☺



By Br. Flavius Chikadzu SDB

School and the Digital World: A CHALLENGE TO THE EDUCATION TO THE HEART

At Valdocco, Don Bosco's first duty was that of educating young people. The most visible aspect of this effort was the school. He conducted his school as an apostolate to which all his energy and every available time was dedicated to. We could ask ourselves: Did ever Don Bosco seek anything for himself? The whole purpose of his existence as a young priest was the welfare of young people who came to him, especially the most neglected and marginalised. That is what is most perceived in Don Bosco.

Objectively speaking, as a priest, educator and teacher, for Don Bosco the formation of the youngsters was the burning concern of his mind. He aimed at reaching out all the dimensions of the human person. A holistic training of the youth was his main purpose. Looking at Don Bosco we can say that he knew 'how' to integrate and motivate in the young the love for learning different skills (studies), the art of living (moral life), intellectual formation and the 'formation of the heart'(good behaviour).

He was an expert in nurturing of whole process of maturing of their personalities which he encountered.

He based his method of education on three pillars: Reason, Religion and Loving-kindness. Looking at the three pillars, a crucial and reflective conclusion can be drawn: "Don Bosco as an educator went beyond mechanical learning (mere knowledge); his was a model of 'learning to learn' and to reason.

Comparing Don Bosco with old philosophers I can say that Don Bosco's approach to the young inductive, in a way he used the Socratic Method (a dialogical relation); a method which today's digital continent seems to be regarded as of no use.

A face-to-face-dialogue is really a challenge for all today. This is because of the new culture brought about by the Media. Many youth are found in the digital world exploring and searching for meaning; yet this is not a face-to-face-meeting with others.

In this "digital world" responding to the challenges the youth are facing, Don Bosco would continue to say, 'courage and go where they [young people] are to be found'.

Don Bosco's method was perhaps one of the most adequate in the education of the young. Through this method boys were able to communicate the different skills acquired, while building up an expressive and a critical style. By imitating Don Bosco's method and while reading the signs of the times, it is possible to be in a position to offer to the young people a culture that is not an end in itself but which puts them in a position of making responsible decisions in their lives, as means to adulthood, summarised as becoming "good Christians and honest citizens". One big challenge for all of us Salesians is to apply the aspect of the school "being the place for the formation of the heart" to reach out the young of



By Joackim Mzanywa sdb

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE YEAR OF FAITH HARARE - ZIMBABWE

From the 26th to the 31st of December the youth of KA.RU.WA parish in Harare had their annual pilgrimage. This year the pilgrimage was in Masvingo at Gokomere mission. The theme of the pilgrimage was "Youth in the Year of Faith."

The pilgrimage was not only attended by the youth from our parish but also by some youth from Kariba and Masvingo. The pilgrimage became a time of strengthening of our faith and a time to rest at the end of the year.

Apart from the prayers and learning more about our faith we also had a chance to visit the ruins of the "Great Zimbabwe" as well as Lake Mutirikwi. These places are very beautiful, so much so that they reminded me of God the author of them all.

We also had a chance to go to the grotto of Our Lady which is at Gokomere mission. The environment at the grotto is very conducive for prayer and it puts you in a reflective mood, helping you get in closer union with God. ☺





By Alphoncious Hamweete SDB

■ Is it possible to live a life of abstinence from sex before marriage in today's society?

We are living in a sexually saturated society. Young people become sexually active as early as 12 or earlier, a thing which was a taboo in the past in many cultures. The reason is that people of all ages and walks of life are having access to materials involving sexual related activities through magazines, websites, music, etc that are full of words and sexual message. Adverts on television associated to sex make people become more familiar and addicted to sex. We no longer have any reverence to the mystery and sacredness of it. On the newspapers, we are presented with sexual abuses of children and gang rapes. This kind of news no longer shock people, but gives only a sense of sadness for the victims. It is becoming preferential to have sex and live single, carefree lives. The people, who are supposed to safeguard morality in our societies, are also guilty of sexual scandals. Henceforth, a lot of people have found it hard to believe that it is possible to live a chaste life. Some spiritual mentors and moral agents are seemingly having accepted to live double lives. They are separating their being from their roles in society. They

propose values which they have given up on or do not put efforts in living them up. With this environment, people think it is not possible to live a pure life. As a celibate, a lot of people have asked me how I do live. They seem to be sympathizing with me as though I am suffering. I tried to explain but in the end I find myself only having inadequate words to make them understand.

The sexual explosion is merely an illusion to the deeper aspiration of people. Pope John Paul II said that there is something deeper than the urge of sex and that is the desire to love. The distortion of the value of sex is the result of lack of understanding the value of the institute of marriage. Marriage needs to be promoted and strengthened as they are the remedy to human affection and love which many people are lacking in our society. People, who are denied of human attention, turn to find attention in other distorted behaviours such as illicit sexual relationships, pornography and masturbation. When a man and a woman enter into a sexual relationship before marriage they confuse sexual pleasure with love. They are not in love, but in lust, and this may be the reason why those who marry after living together eventually

they divorce.

However, the face of God has continued shining in the words and deeds of the lives of men of faith. Saint Dominic Savio is known for living a pure life and selection of companions and his dictum better to die rather than sin still resounds in our days. If God commands that there is no sex before and outside marriage, we need to believe the Scripture and obey it. God always wishes us well and when He commands even the things that seem difficult and not very appealing, but he has a good reason. Abstaining from sex before marriage is possible once we cut off the roots of materials that feed the mind with ideologies of sex and understand the gift of marriage on sociological and religious values. Sex is a matter of the mind. Faith comes from what we see, listen to and watch. Eventually, a human person begins to believe in what he/she sees, listens to and watches. When a person gets married he gives himself/herself to the spouse her/his whole being and not a body which has been joined emotionally and spiritually through sex to different bodies prior to marriage. Above all, abstaining from sex before marriage is a free choice, which a person has to prepare to live without fear as he/she is going to go against the grain not conforming to the temptations of the society. One will need first of all to believe that it is possible to live a chaste and dignified life and overcome the temptations of sex by trusting in God who guides, supports, consoles and strengthens a person through prayer, spiritual readings and spiritual direction. The other way is to have a good network of friends, with whom a person shares the similar faith and vision of life and with whom they will love, encourage and support each other to maintain the life of purity. It would be good to pay heed to the words of St Paul to the Ephesians regarding sex. (Eph 5: 1-7) ☺

Thinking Point

Br. Walter challenges all to reflect on the documents of the Provincial Chapter focusing on the essentials

VII PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

and the challenge to be radical in living up our consecration



Br Walter Thyрниang SDB

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ello, thinking people!

I missed the last issue again and the same excuse, I was too busy with my Examination at the University. I had to think about it and I could not share.

A lot have happened since then, we are in the New Year now and there is a plenty to think about. Christmas has passed quite fast and we are now in lent and preparing for Easter. Time flies. Then what now? Of course the VII Provincial Chapter is next. Are we thinking about it?

I hope we have read the 48 pages VI Provincial Chapter document of 2010. Or it "lies neglected among piles of other documents" as the provincial wrote in its introduction. Personally I enjoy reading it and occasionally amused by it. Look at art. 105 on page 30, I read it to my confreres in the community and they too enjoyed it. The Directory spells out everything for our mission and daily life from Youth Ministry, Formation, Communication to Administration. It provides guidelines to start afresh from Don Bosco and asks us to change our mentality to New Frontiers. But if we have not "read, studied and reflected on its context" then it will be of no use and why getting ready to make another document or add more pages to the one we already have?

It is a requirement by our constitution, -clear enough. So we have to do it. The able team of animators are moving around the communities to help in reflection and preparation. We hope all the efforts will bring good results. Now the date is set, the delegates elected and the agenda agreed. What is to be seen is if the Chapter will lead us towards a different direction and a new destination.

My cynical fear is that the Chapter Fathers and Brothers will spend a lot of time discussing and arguing on petty matters like, how long should the holidays be? How much money should be granted for holidays? And can we take a car for holidays, or it is a privilege of a few only? Or similar issues, instead of being daring to answer the call of 'radicalism' that we may have to adopt by force rather than by choice.

The simple question is: Will this Chapter be of any benefit? Will it be different than the ones we have had in the recent past?

What do you think? 🗨️



Our Love and Gratitude to you, HOLY FATHER!

My dear Confreres, Sisters,
Members of the entire Salesian Family,
Friends of Don Bosco:

Greetings with the heart of Don Bosco from Mexico where I have come to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Guadalajara Province, my Province of origin.

Although profoundly surprised by the news just received of the decision of the Holy Father, Benedict XVI, to resign from guiding the “Barque of Peter” and confirming his brethren in faith through the proclamation of the Gospel, witness of life, suffering and prayer, we are edified by this exemplary and prophetic gesture.

In offering his resignation, motivated by age and tiredness, the consequence of his solicitude in accompanying the Church at a time marked by profound and rapid social change touching on both faith and Christian life, and that demand much physical and spiritual energy, the Holy Father says that he placed himself in an attitude of discernment before God.

His decisions, then, is the result of prayer and an exemplary sign of obedience to God! Such an attitude cannot but give rise to our greatest admiration and esteem.

Once again this is a case of a typical trait of his: humility, which makes him free before God and man and makes his sense of responsibility so evident.

While we express our gratitude to the Holy Father, as Don Bosco would have done, for the generosity with which he has served the Church and has expressed his fatherliness with regard to our own Family, we accompany him in this stage of his life with much affection and prayer.

From this point on we pray for the Church, calling on the Holy Spirit to guide this moment of conclusion of a Pontificate and the convocation and celebration of the Conclave.

We entrust the Holy Father and the whole Church to Mary the Immaculate, Help of Christians as we liturgically commemorate Our Lady of Lourdes. May She continue to manifest herself, as She has done throughout history, as Mother and Teacher.

In communion of hearts and prayers.

Fr Pascual Chávez V., SDB
Rector Major



Fr. Pascual Chavez SDB
RECTOR MAJOR

(ANS – Rome) –
As soon as
he became aware that
Pope Benedict XVI
had announced
he would be giving up
his ministry as Bishop
of Rome and Successor
of St Peter,
the Rector Major chose
to address a message
to the whole
Salesian Family.



(ANS – Città del Vaticano) – 22/02/2013.- NEW SALESIAN BISHOP .

The Holy Father Benedict XVI has nominated Fr. Miguel Angel Garcia Arroniz, sdb, new bishop of the diocese of Pointe-Noire, in the Republic of Congo. Fr. Miguel Angel was appointed as Apostolic Administrator of the same diocese on 31 March 2013.

(ANS Nairobi) 16/2/2013 – MEETING FOR COORDINATORS OF FORMATION OF CIVAM.

The 6th meeting of Regional Coordinators for Formation for all regions in the Congregation concluded on Saturday 16 February in Nairobi. This meeting was the final one for the 2008-2014 period; three meetings have occurred in this period while a further three took place in the previous period, 2002-2008.

These days saw a work of evaluation of the Rector Major and General Council's Project regarding the formation sector. They looked at their departure point, objectives achieved and those still to be achieved. All of this work has been summed up in a written contribution as a report to the Rector Major for the 27th General Chapter (GC27) regarding formation. Fr. Cereda was present together with Fr. Chris Saldanha.



(ANS – Nairobi) – 15/2/2013. COME & CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH.

The grounds at Don Bosco Youth Educational Services (DBYES), Nairobi were filled with young students from various secondary and technical schools around the city and outskirts on 3 February. The youngsters had come together to celebrate their faith at the "C'mon & Celebrate" event, and to consider it in the light of the Bible. The programme began with Morning Prayer, a blessing, and a talk on "Faith and/in the Bible" by Capuchin priest Fr Christopher Musyoka. Young people discussed the topics introduced by the speaker and had a chance to



ask questions; also to go to Confession. Mass was at midday followed by lunch. The programme aimed at following up the discovery of Christian faith launched with the Year of Faith. "In this way we hope to educate young people to faith and help them feel proud of what they professed at Baptism", explained Fr Sebastian Koladiyil, Director of DBYES.

(ANS Lubumbashi) 14/02/2012, Lubumbashi. SOCIAL COMMUNICATION - AFRICA. A meeting of the "Africa Regional Consulta" of the Social communication DR Congo. Three



people: one representative from each language group of the region (English & French) together with the Provincial in-charge of communication of the CIVAM (Fr. Fausto Garcia) were trying to make an Africa Salesian Social Communication System (ASSCS) basing on the Salesian Social Communication System (SSCS) of the Congregation. This will be finalized in the meeting of all the SC delegates of the Region in November 2013. The draft will also be presented in the World Consulta which will take place in Rome in April 2013.

(ANS - Turin) 31/01/2013. Conclusion of the Consulta for the Missions at Valdocco.

Delegates from all regions of the Congregation were gathered at Valdocco-Turin with the Rector Major and the General councillor for Missions, Fr. Vaclav Klement. The meeting aimed at reflecting on the findings of the various regional encounters which took place in the past years and recently in Addis Ababa for the Africa-Madagascar Region. ☺



Moshi UPDATE

Young confreres from ZMB, students at Don Bosco Moshi-Philosophy Centre share some of their experiences

Seminar on Communications and Media

(ZMB Newslink 27/12/12) Fr. Julian Fox, from the department of Social Communication in Rome has led a seminar on Communication and Media for the young Salesians of the Formation Community of St. John Bosco in Moshi (Tanzania). The seminar began by discussing and discerning the use of the Media and Social Communication in the Digital Continent. All community members were strongly encouraged to put forward their views, trying to answer to some of the very pressing questions of this area such as: what is the help Media provides in this particular stage of formation? Is Media helpful for purposes of evangelisation? What the role of Media in the personal formation and how does one make the best of Media in our time? Fr. Fox emphasised the need for every Salesian to be present in the so-called 'Digital Continent' where numbers reach more than a billion, of which majority are youngsters. He challenged the community asking them, 'how can we evangelise them?' At the same time, the facilitator reminded all of the need to be prudent in using the means of social communication, in line with the directives of the Church and Congregation. 📞



Solemnity of St. John Bosco



This year the Salesian community of Moshi, comprising of the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Salesian Cooperators, Salesian past pupils and the students of the Salesian school came together to celebrate the feast of our father St. Don Bosco. The celebration began in the morning at about 7:00 hours with Morning prayers then the whole community went for the photo session. At around 9:00 hours the community went for Mass that was celebrated by the Episcopal vicar for the religious Rv. Fr. Munishi Mathei. After mass the community had a time for entertainment. In the evening during night prayers, the Lord blessed the Salesian Family with two new cooperators: mama Foster and mama Pertrude who made their promises. On this same day the community also celebrated the rector's 20th of religious life. 📞



Did you know that?

By Dn. Jerome Bwalya SDB

1. Chingola and Kazembe communities are the oldest existing community with each having 30 years of existence this year
2. Lusaka archdiocese and Mansa diocese has the highest number of communities each having three canonical erected communities respectively
3. Fr. Zygmunt Labun died on the same day the relics of Don Bosco landed in ZMB Vice-Province at Harare international airport, 16/07/2012.
4. That Br. Clement Mutamba died on the same day his young sister made her first religious vows on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 7/12/2012.
5. Chingola has recorded the highest number of confreres in perpetual profession leaving the congregation, ZMB province and religious life at large.
6. Communities in the north of Zambia – Mansa, Kazembe and Lufubu has recorded the highest number of confreres in initial formation leaving the congregation (not counting the formation communities)
7. The past ten years, ZMB has never opened a new community and the last community opened was Hwange, Zimbabwe in 2003, while the last community closed was Shambyu, Namibia.
8. Fr. Zamberlan Bruno is the eldest in terms of religious profession in ZMB and this year is celebrating his 53 years since he made his first profession and Fr. Andrew Zdzieborski who is second after him is celebration his golden jubilee.
9. What has strengthen our Pre-novitiate Formation in our province is the idea of changing the Pre-novice masters, the past five/six years we had the following Six masters :, Fr, Bosco Mulenga, Fr. Rychcik Christopher, Fr. Zamberlan Bruno, Fr. Chester Lenczuk, Dn. Mbandama Michael, , Slawomir Bartodziej and back to Fr. Bosco Mulenga
10. Statistically, Namibia is still the lowest on vocation promotion, presently we have only one Salesians in initial formation out of two who have joined us since our presence in that country.
11. Namibia is the only country in ZMB which has no canonically erected community. The existing community is under the canonicity of Chawama community. ☺

PUBLICATIONS



Br. Walter Thyрниang showing his recent work: "Sing and Pray", a hymnal and prayer book. A compilation of hymns and prayers for the liturgy and Salesian celebrations.

SING AND PRAY

Sing and Pray is a comprehensive Hymn and Prayer book compiled specifically for Salesian Communities and Salesian Family. The book is designed to be used in religious communities and for liturgical celebrations with young people. It has two parts:

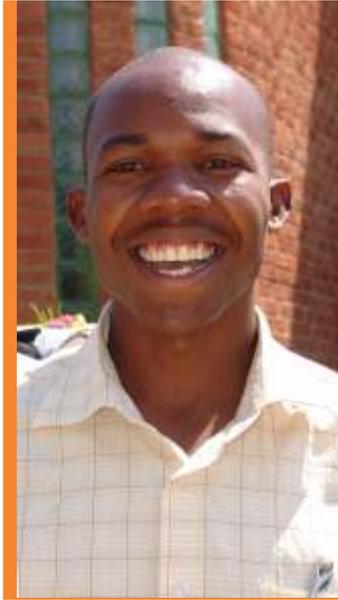
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Selected Hymns arranged in a convenient order. Entrance to Recessional hymns for Holy Mass with different sets for Eucharistic hymns. General Hymns of themes like Vocation, Thanks Giving and Adoration. Hymns for different liturgical seasons from Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Hymns to the Sacred Heart, Hymns of Our Lady, St. Joseph and the Salesians Saints. Few newer hymns such as Taize chants that are good for young people.

PART 2 - Prayers orderly arranged

From Angelus, Morning Prayer, Meditation to Night Prayer. Common community and personal prayers such as Adoration, Litanies, Christmas Novena other Novenas and the Stations of the Cross. Some important prayers such the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. The new order of the Holy Mass and the two commonly used Eucharistic prayers. ☺

Clement
MUTAMBA



Until we meet again



Br. Walter Thyrniang SDB

Charles Mutamba, the brother of Clement was at his bedside on the night when Clement passed away, he told me his brother did not struggle nor made any indication that it was the last moment he just said; "now I want to rest" he laid back and breathed his last in serenity. That's was how he died.

I first met Br. Clement in 2008 when he came for the holidays-community-experience to Lilongwe. The little I remembered about him was the time we played football with the boys and the quality time we had at the community. The following year he was back in Lilongwe to begin his Practical Training - we had more time and had a lot of fun. He was always a respectful and joyful community member, a good companion and fun loving friend. The last activity together in Lilongwe was again to play a social football game with the staff members of the Technical Institute and he complained about his aching right knee. After one year in Lilongwe he went to join the Salesian community in Harare for his second year of practical training.

When the throbbing knee was diagnosed with cancer in 2011, we were together for some time at the provincial house. We chatted a lot and often time he shared his anxiety about his problem. Once when he collapsed in the chapel during Mass it was clear that the situation was serious. It was a dilemma for him to come to terms and accept that he will have to lose his leg. This reality pained him since he would have to give up playing football and of course the uncertainty of life without a limb.

Bro. Clement was born on 19th October 1985 the 6th Child of Mr. Peter Mutamba and Mrs. Theresa Mutamba from Luwingu District. As a boy he went to Lwena Basic School and completed his secondary education in Lubushi Minor Seminary.



Clement Mutamba during the General Assembly in 2008

He joined the Salesians of Don Bosco in 2003 and did his first experience of formation in Don Bosco Chingola. After Pre-novitiate he went for his Novitiate to South Africa and returned to make his First Profession at St. Mathias Mulumba, Bauleni on 6th August 2006. Bro. Clement proceeded for his Philosophical studies to Moshi, Tanzania and completed his degree in Philosophy and Education in 2008. From 2008 to 2009 he worked in the School and Don Bosco Youth Centre in Lilongwe. In 2009 he was transferred to the Salesian Community and Parish in Harare.

While in Harare, he developed trouble on his right leg which he initially thought was an injury from playing football. His right knee was diagnosed with cancer and after extensive examination and treatment in Lusaka and South Africa; he had to have his right leg amputated in September 2011. Bro. Clement was recovering well but again it was diagnosed that the cancer had spread to other parts of his body.



Since he left Harare he stayed at the Provincial House going for regular check-ups and medical examination then finally the surgery on his leg. His health improved rapidly so he moved to the Salesian Community in Bauleni but he had to undergo regular treatment (chemotherapy). On 20th November due to his deteriorating condition, he was admitted at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka where he passed away peacefully on 7th December 2012 at 22.33 p.m.

Bro. Clement was a very lively and active Salesian, multi-talented and loved by his companions and young people. He possessed good leadership quality and was very pleasant to everyone. As a student in Moshi he was the president of the students grouping. He was a deep thinker with a warm and accommodating heart always ready to listen and had a silent prayerful personality. One of his classmates wrote; "Clement was a person who did not wish to offend anyone, he was sensitive to the emotional

feelings of people around him."

The last years he has been a regular contributor to the ZMB Newslink Magazine with various articles and he would read and critically comment on most of the writings of other in the Salesian provincial newsletter. We will miss his contribution.

The Salesians of Don Bosco, Province of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Namibia mourn the lost of this dynamic young Salesian. He is the first Zambian Salesian from this province to enter the Salesian garden in paradise. He will be remembered and missed by all the Salesians, the young people who knew him personally, his Mother, brothers, Sisters, relatives and friends.

For those of us who could take part in his memorial mass, vigil, funeral mass and the final journey to the cemetery; we befittingly accompanied the remains of this young Salesian and prayed for his eternal rest. It was all very solemnly arranged



and well organised. His mother and his brothers and sisters told me they were consoled with the way their dear one was accorded the final rites. Priests, religious and faithful paid their respect and said good bye to him respectfully. It was an honour to a life well lived, a journey that had come to an end. In his pain and suffering Clement finally seem to say silently; "I have run the race... I fought the good fight... what is left for me is the crown...."

"Gone to soon" wrote a facebook friend, another one; "this is hard to understand... Why?" Yes! it looks like he has left us too soon, this young man of just 30 years of age. The preacher at his Requiem Mass explained that "human beings don't die of sickness, we die because our time has come" and it is God who determines the time. We have to accept that Clement's time had come... ours will come too sooner or later.

Till then, I cherish the memory of Br. Clement! ☺

celebrations at don bosco technical institute

LILONGWE - MALAWI

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Tsabango Area 23 - Lilongwe (Malawi) 01/02/2013.- Students, Salesian Community, Staff and Friends of Don Bosco Technical Institute as well as people from St. John Bosco Parish came together to celebrate the Solemnity of St. John Bosco. The date was moved from 31 January to February 1, 2013.

The day began with the Eucharistic celebration, presided over by the guest of honour Fr. Antonio Javier Barrientos who is the youth delegate and the provincial secretary, concelebrating were the Principal of the Institute, Fr. Michael Mbandama and the parish priest of St. John Bosco Parish, Fr. Patrick Makina. After the holy Eucharist we had Don Bosco quiz in which the student showed their knowledge of Don Bosco and the Salesian congregation. A student from Accounting got the first position, followed by the Auto mechanics students



MORNING ASSEMBLY

and the third position went to Information and Technology. Thanks to the quiz master, Mr. Precious Chilupysa and his team for the good organization of the quiz. Immediately after the quiz we had students' activities. It was wonderful to see students showing their different talents through the different activities they performed, each from their respective sections. The winner of the students' activities was Fashion Art and Beauty section that performed a wonderful play. This was followed by lunch which the school offered to all students and those invited guests.



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The feast of Don Bosco 2013 included not only the indoor activities but also the outdoor games which were played in the afternoon. On this day we had the finals for the Don Bosco Cup that was sponsored by the past pupils. A big word of 'thanks' to the former students of Don Bosco Technical Institute – Lilongwe for the contributions they made over this feast and more particularly in the tournament we had. 🙏



ARRIVAL AT DON BOSCO TI

Michael Rua Group which comprised of Accounting and Brick-laying sections took the first position in football, Mazzarello which consisted of Information Technology and Carpentry section took number one in volleyball, and Laura Vicuña composed of Electrical and Hotel won the first position in netball. Chief official Mr. Masala and his team organised the whole tournament, a word of thanks to them, too.



CARPENTRY DEPARTMENT

The feast of Don Bosco ended with the prize giving around 16:45 hours with the presence of the principal of the Technical Institute, Fr. Michael Mbandama sdb, the vice principal, the representatives of the past pupils and Mister and Miss Don Bosco. 🙏

CAGLIERO 11

Newsletter for Salesian Missionary Animation



A Publication of the Mission Department for the Salesian Communities and Friends of the Salesian Mission



Dear confreres and friends of the Salesian missions!

As the practice during these last four years, this month we also get the *Cagliero 11*, but this time it's the 50th issue.

A big thank you goes to many friends, to all those who have contributed and are contributing to its pro-

duction - missionaries who share, the editor who is patient and constant, the very precise layout master and especially to the many translators in the following languages Italian, Spanish, English, French, Portuguese, Polish, Chinese, Korean, Croatian, Japanese, Vietnamese, Dutch, Czech, Slovak.

After four years we can recognise the many fruits of *Cagliero 11*. Due to its simplicity, regularity and lively missionary experience, it is welcomed by the Salesians and various members of the Salesian Family in 13 languages. It is becoming a part of daily life in the Salesian communities: posted on the refrigerator in the dining hall of the community, used for animation of Vespers in many communities and houses of formation, some experiences are reprinted by the Salesian Bulletin, or Provincial Newsletter or simply sent monthly by



the Province Delegate for Missionary Animation or Provincial Secretary to all communities. For some Salesians it is the first step in discovering their missionary vocation.

The cycle of the *Gioventù missionaria* is still alive today. Young missionaries share with an open heart and honesty their life experience. The knowledge of the beauty of missionary life, awakens the missionary consciousness of some young people and Salesians. Story telling generates another living missionary story.

The main challenge of *Cagliero 11* is still valid. We have not reached all the local communities, as it was dreamt of four years ago on the occasion of the first issue: "With the *Cagliero 11* we want to reach all the Salesian communities in the world, to remind us at least once a month to pray for all the missionaries *ad gentes* in the same time remind them, and remind ourselves that we are all called to be 'missionaries of the young'" (January 2009).

How can you help us today? First, the distribution of *Cagliero 11*: by sending us a new address or a personal missionary experience, By printing *Cagliero 11* for your own community or by creating a link on your website or Facebook. However, the best help is to use it in Community prayer!

Václav Klement
Fr. Václav Klement, SDB
Councillor for the Missions

February 25, 2013

Feast
of the Salesian protomartyrs
Saints Luigi Versiglia and Callixtus Caravario



vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/57513662>
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Even if we cannot do much... the Spirit works

My missionary vocation was born many years ago, when I was 13. In the meantime, many things had changed and had been rethought, however, the dream remained and I remember that, talking to my Provincial on the eve of my first profession, I expressed my missionary desire. About fifteen years later, I spoke again with the Provincial. He asked me to wait, and in the meantime he asked me to serve as rector of a community and parish priest. Finally, two years ago, I was sent to Azerbaijan.

The Course for New Missionaries in Rome and Turin helped me to make a closure to my previous experience, to pray, to learn useful things before leaving for the missions, to breathe an air of Salesian missionary spirituality, meet missionaries, and especially dialogue with the Councillor for the Missions. I also had the chance to know other new missionaries and, together, we made the pilgrimage to the places of Paul, the great missionary, in Rome and to the Salesian holy places. I consider the invitation to write the spiritual journal regularly as a precious gift of the course.

Here in Azerbaijan I found several challenges: a new culture, a new religious situation, new languages. The presence of the Catholic Church is very limited. After the last Catholic priest was executed in the thirties under the communist regime, no church and nor Catholic priest was left in the country until 1997. The presence of the Catholic Church is tolerated as a service to foreigners and local people with foreign roots. The population considers itself Muslim and any form of apostolate is not allowed. Only those who come to church may hear something about Christianity. The Liturgical languages are Russian and English. The local language is totally different. The same goes for the culture, which is deeply associated with Islam. Almost everyone believes in God, but knowledge of their religion is very poor.

Since 2000 a Salesian community lives in the capital Baku, the city of about three million people. about 200 foreign and 100 local Catholics regularly come to church. Often someone comes either because he or she is interested in Christianity or is in need of help. Young Catholics are few.

As we have been reminded during the *Course for New Missionaries*, it would take years become I could fully inculturate myself in this culture. But the most important thing is to remember that it is the Holy Spirit who acts in the hearts of people. This reality fills me with joy and hope every day even if we can actually do very little here.

I would like to remind the young Salesians who are thinking of the missionary life that the missionary vocation is a great gift from God. If after and accompanied discernment one discovers this gift, a positive response will fill your life with joy, in the same way the Jesus filled the life of Mary, and that young people filled the heart of Don Bosco with joy!

Fr. Vladimir Baxa, Slovak, missionary in Azerbaijan



NEW MISSIONARIES SOUGHT FOR ASIA

Province - Country	Necessary languages	Environment and necessary qualities of the missionaries
CIN China Services	English, Chinese, Cantonese	To help the province with young confreres (Macau, HK, Taiwan) There is need to rejuvenate with vocations of Salesian brothers.
FIS Pakistan	English, Urdu	Few SDBs, challenging Islamic environment, Technical education- Need of robust SDB vocations, lay brothers and formators.
ITM Indonesia, East Timor	English, Bahasa Portuguese, Tetum	Need of senior confreres over fifty years as formators, Spiritual directors, confessors, experts in technical schools.
INC Bangladesh	English, Bengali	New mission (inaugurated in 2009), two presences, aspirantate and pre novitiate School, parish rural and tribal areas, few Salesians
INC Nepal	English, Nepali	Youthful mission (started in 2000), three presences, social and educational works, religion Hindu, Need missionaries from outside South Asia.
LKC Sri Lanka	English, Sinhala, Tamil	Country torn apart by civil war, need missionaries from outside the region, South Asia, especially coadjutors.
SLK Apostolic Prefecture Azerbaijan	Russian, English, Azeri	Only 600 local Catholics and 3000 migrants, moderate Islam; There is an effort to internationalise our presence (non-Slovak Confreres)



Salesian Missionary Intention

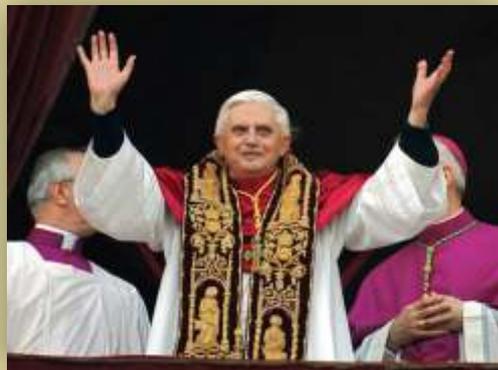
AFRICAN REGION - Democratic Republic of Congo

For young people who journey with the Salesians in Africa through the paths of education in the faith, especially through catechesis, that by embracing the Gospel of Reconciliation, they may be architects of a society and a reconciled Church that continues to foster reconciliation.



Before an enormous cultural and ethnic diversity experienced in contexts where we live and work in Africa, the temptation of division and conflict is sometimes very strong, especially among young people. The patient proposal of the journey of evangelical forgiveness is a difficult road for them, yet it is a sure path to real development. Young Africans often surprise us by their creative ability to try new paths of dialogue and peace.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI



Joseph Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927, in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, Germany, the youngest of three children. He entered preparatory seminary in 1939. In 1943, he and fellow seminarians were recruited into the anti-aircraft corps. In 1945 Ratzinger returned to the seminary at the University of Munich in and was ordained a priest in 1951. Two years later, he earned his doctorate at the University of Munich. He earned his teaching licentiate in 1957 and became a professor of Freising College in 1958, teaching dogma and fundamental theology.

Ratzinger became a professor at the University of Bonn in 1959. Later, he moved to the University of Muenster (1963-1966) and took a chair in dogmatic theology at the University of Tübingen.

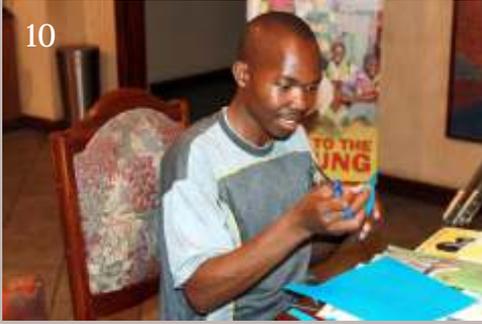
At the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), Ratzinger served as chief theological expert to Cardinal Joseph Frings of Cologne, Germany. He was viewed as a reformer during this time.

In 1972, Ratzinger helped found the theological journal *Communio*, which became one of the most important journals of Catholic thought. In March 1977, he was named archbishop of Munich and Freising and, three months later, was named a Cardinal by Pope Paul VI.

In 1981, Pope John Paul II nominated Ratzinger prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Cardinal Ratzinger defended and reaffirmed Catholic doctrine, emphasizing the strong Catholic stand on topics such as birth control, homosexuality and inter-religious dialogue. Cardinal Ratzinger was elected Pope on April 19, 2005, after the death of John Paul II.

In February 2013, at age 85, Pope Benedict XVI announced that he would be resigning on February 28, 2013—becoming the first pope in centuries to step down from his post.

In a statement, the pope explained, "I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise... In today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of St. Peter and proclaim the gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me ... For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom, I declare that I renounce the ministry of bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter." ☺



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- 1-3. Chingola (ZAMBIA):** Fr. George Chalissery and his council visiting the Technical School and the Pre-novitiate.
- 4. Kabwe (ZAMBIA):** Fr. George and the council inspecting the progress in the construction works at St. Mary's parish.
- 5. Moshi (TANZANIA):** Fr. Bruno together with Br. Leotika Kaluba, Cl. Faith Musabila and Cl. Moses Chilambe on the celebrations of the Community Day.
- 6. Jerusalem (ISRAEL):** Cl. George Phiri posing in front of the Basilica of Gallicantu; the spot where Peter denied Jesus three times.
- 7. Nkhotakoat (MALAWI):** Catechists of St. Paul's Parish during the Sunday school lessons after mass. All in preparation for reception of the sacraments.

- 8. Rundu (NAMIBIA):** Young people from Don Bosco youth centre after taking part in the youth seminar for the Year of Faith organised by Dn. Jerome Bwalya and a group of Catholic Students from Rundu District.
- 9. Lusaka - Bauleni (ZAMBIA):** Candidate Boniface Mbowo entertaining a group of kids who regularly frequent St. Matthias Mulumba Parish.
- 10. Lusaka (ZAMBIA):** Late Clement Mutamba during the last moments of his illness.
- 11-12. Lusaka (ZAMBIA):** Photos of the funeral mass and burial of late Clement Mutamba sdb. The funeral mass was presided by Bishop Clement Mulenga, sdb.
- 13. Lusaka (ZAMBIA):** Clement Mutamba, sdb as we remember him. (Newslink Team).