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Message to the participants - Thailand, Hua Hin

Dear Brothers and Fathers!

Seven years after the Cambodia - Phnom Penh 2006 EAO Regional seminar on Salesian Brothers vocation I'm glad to greet you from Latin American country of Perú during a visit to the Andes and Amazon region missions!

What changed in the Congregation during this 10 years regarding the Salesian Brother? There are some 320 Brothers less in the Congregation (which is diminishing some 200 confreres every year) but there are some important signs of Brother's vocation growth:

1. **One of the Salesian Brothers** is carrying the role of the General Economer with a great charismatic ability and energy, offering an important role in the government and animation at the world level. We are proud of Br. Jean Paul Muller, former Mission Office director in Bonn!
2. Salesian Brother is taking slowly stronger and more identified charismatic image. Some special fields of the Salesian mission like social communication (at the moment all 3 staff of the ANS news agency are Brothers!), among the formators there are more brothers then before etc.
3. The four lines of action launched by late Fr. Vecchi for the Salesian Brothers, confirmed by the Rector Major in 2003 are bringing lasting fruits of **more visibility**, more stable and **quality specific formation courses** offered already in all continents (America - Guatemala, Africa - Ghana and Cameroon, Europe - Valdocco, South Asia - India and in Manila), better **vocation promotion of Brother's vocation**. Also the awareness of Brother vocation among the Salesians did improve.

Looking at the number of Brothers in past 10 years (attachment), we realize that only two among the eight Salesian regions are growing - Africa and EAO region! That means, our EAO region is blessed and in the same time does carry an important responsibility to the Salesian Lay Consecrated life in the whole Congregation!

During the days of the EAO Salesian Brothers Congress I remember you all and each one of you in the daily Eucharist. Without a Salesian Brother our Congregation and Salesian Charism is not complete!

With heartfelt fraternal greetings in Don Bosco

Fr. Václav Klement
Councilor for the Missions

Salesian Brother statistics 2002-2012 (2012.12.31)

Region	2012 Temp	2012 Perp	2012	2008 Temp	2008 Perp	2008 Total	2002 Te/Per	2002 Total
Africa	41	145	186	47	139	186	46/117	163
America Corn South	43	149	192	44	175	219	52/190	242
America Inter	26	186	212	41	218	259	45/244	289
Asia East-Oceania	<i>67</i>	<i>140</i>	207	<i>58</i>	<i>148</i>	196	<i>35/153</i>	188
Asia South	34	129	163	32	122	154	55/115	170
Europe North	18	172	190	11	196	207	36/227	263
Europe West	2	295	297	6	338	344	13/390	403
Italy - Middle East	6	347	353	16	406	422	17/501	518
UPS- General house	-	24	24	-	28	28	-	-
TOTAL	257	1567	1824	287	1738	2025		2260

During past 5 years

2008- 2012	Salesian Regions Numerical change of Salesian Brothers
0	Africa
- 27	America Corn South
- 47	America Inter
+ 11	<i>Asia East-Oceania</i>
+ 10	Asia South
- 17	Europe North
- 47	Europe West
- 69	Italy - Middle East
- 4	UPS- General house
- 201	TOTAL

During past 10 years

2002- 2012	Salesian Regions Numerical change of Salesian Brothers
+ 23	Africa
- 50	America Corn South
- 77	America Inter
+ 19	<i>Asia East-Oceania</i>
- 7	Asia South
- 73	Europe North
- 106	Europe West
- 165	Italy - Middle East
0	UPS- General house
- 326	TOTAL