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EDITORIAL

Abba Lijo Vadakkan SDB

THE ART OF LISTENING



Let me begin with a compelling anecdote which featured in the 'New Leader' issue of last November. The story spoke of two companions who hadn't seen each other for years but happened to meet each other on a busy street. They were walking down the street together, and were reminiscing the happy memories of the good old days that they had spent together. "Just a minute", said one of them. "I think I hear something". He bent down and picked up a small creature that had been caught up in between the loose stones in the pavement. It was a small cricket. The small animal happily flew away as he let it go.

The other friend was dumbfounded at this ability of his friend to listen to the chirping of the small animal. "That's indeed incredible! Of all the people on the street at this hour, hurrying from the work, you alone were able to hear this small animal above all the traffic noises". "My friend", said the first, "I learned a long time ago that people hear in life only what they want to hear. Now, the noise of traffic has neither increased nor decreased in the past few moments, but watch". And as he finished speaking he let a few coins fall from his pocket to the pavement. Everyone within an amazingly large hearing distance stopped and looked around to see whether it was their money which

was falling down. The one who dropped the coins looked proudly as his theory was proved right. The other friend hung up his head in shame.

I think this anecdote beautifully brings home one important point. Today we are living in a noisy world where everyone seems to be talking a lot, everyone giving solutions to problems, everyone criticizing all that happens around, but no one stops to listen. In my opinion one of the most needed but very difficult qualities to practice in today's social milieu is the ability to listen. We are a generation which loves to talk so much but we have hardly time to listen. There seems to be happening a lot of conversations but very little of communication. As a matter of fact, how many times it has happened that after a long conversation with a person, we have felt that there has not been any communication at all because both the persons have been trying to make a point and have miserably failed to do so.

Often in our conversations we try to impress others with our eloquent speeches without ever making an effort to understand the need of the other. The consequence is that there is more heat than light in our speeches. I firmly believe that we need to learn the art of listening. I don't think that it is a mere coincidence that if we re-arrange the word "LISTEN", we arrive at the word "SILENT". This certainly is an indication for us. We need to be SILENT in order to LISTEN.

Through the strenna of the Rector Major, he invites the entire Salesian family to walk in the path of listening and accompanying our young people. The young people have many desires and aspirations. We will be able to listen to their many expressed and unexpressed aspirations only if we can accompany them in a spirit of silence. Coming back to our first story, each one hears only what he/she wants to hear. I think as Salesians, and members of the Salesian family our ears are, or should be, attentive to the plea of the young.

We are in the month of Don Bosco. Who could be a better example of a person that was attentive to the cry of the young people than Don Bosco? All his efforts had only one sole mission: "The Salvation of the Young". Pope Francis too in devoting the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to be focused on the theme of "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment", has certainly in mind the same path that we are called to follow, that of "Listening and Accompanying" of our young people. Let us take to heart this invitation and become truly for our young people fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, who are capable of listening; listening with a heart.

Now we have a whole new challenge ahead of us: LISTEN.

Wishing you all Happy Feast of St. John Bosco.



Guidance

Abba Estifanos Gebremeskel SDB
Provincial Superior

Dear Friends,

The theme of the Strenna 2018 presented by our Rector Major, Fr. Angel Fernanderz Artime, refers to the upcoming Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2018 with the title "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". The title of the strenna is "Let us Cultivate the Art of Listening and of Accompaniment". The Church with this synod is determined "...to examine herself on how she can lead young people to recognize and accept the call to the fullness of life and love, and to ask young people to help her in identifying the most effective ways to announce the Good News today". (The Preparatory Document and Questionnaire). The Strenna of 2018 basically highlights the two important aspects of today's world: listening and personal accompaniment of the young people to change their life.

The truth is that young people are now more than ever searching for meaning in life, and they are eager to learn, and open themselves for their formation for future life. At the same time they are looking for assistance in their journey of life to grow and to mature in their faith. The Rector Major is urging the Salesian family, to be available to accompany the young people in what is important in their own life, not to spend

our time and energy in things which are not so important for the education and evangelization of the young people. The Rector Major underlines "... More important than the things and activities we offer to our young people and their families, is our presence, our listening and our openness to dialogue".

The strena presents to us Jesus as our Model in the listening and accompaniment of the young people and families. We are invited to take Jesus' life and mission as our own style of life. Speaking about listening, the Rector Major says that "it is an art, it is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur". Listening therefore is to understand in depth what the person tells us and why he tells us. It eventually helps us to understand the need of today's young people, express empathy and offer them support, encouragement and help in recognizing their limits, but without making them feel that they are being judged.

The second important point is accompaniment; according to the Rector Major it is a "Christian spiritual tradition, providing believers with instruments and resources that allow them to recognize the presence of the Lord, His demands and His call". The ultimate aim of accompaniment is, to foster the relationship between the person and the Lord helping him to overcome any obstacle.

The Rector Major continues to present to us the life and mission of Don Bosco as a good example of listening and accompaniment. Certainly, a careful observation is fundamental to be able to understand him in depth.

"... More important than the things and activities we offer to our young people and their families, is our PRESENCE, our LISTENING and our OPENNESS to dialogue".

Guest Review

የማዳመጥና አብሮ የመጓዝ ጥበብ ማዳበር



አንድ ቀን ከቀትር በኋላ የቤታችንን ዋና በር ከፍቼ ወደ ሥራ በመሄድ ላይ ሳለው አንዲት የድካምና የኃዘን ስሜት ከፊቷ የሚነበብ ወጣት ሴት አየሁኝ። አይታኝ «አሁኔ አንዴ ላናግርሽ እችላለሁ» አለችኝ። ይህን ጥያቄዋን ለመመለስ ፈቃደኛ አልነበርኩም፤ እኔም ጥያቄዋን የሚመልስላት ሌላ ሰው ለመጥራት ስሰናዳ «አሁኔ ዛሬ ገንዘብ ሆነ ምግብ አያስፈልገኝም፤ እኔ የምፈልገው ከአንቺ ጊዜ 5 ደቂቃ ሰጥተሽኝ እንድታዳምጪኝ ነው፤ ሌላ ምንም አልፈልግም።»

ልመናዋ ሆዴን ስለበላኝ ተመልሼ የጠየቀችኝን ጊዜ ሰጠኋት። ንግግራችን ሲያልቅ በውስጧ የሚብሰለሰለውን ጉዳይ የምታጋራበት አምስት ደቂቃ ምን ያህል በብርቱ ትፈልግ እንደ ነበረ ገባኝ። እኔም ደስ አለኝ፤ ምክንያቱም ካናገርኳት በኋላ የመረጋጋት፤ የአፎይታና፤ የመደመጥ ስሜት ከፊቷ ይነበብ ነበር። እርሷም ደስ እያላት በምስጋና መንፈስ ሄደች።

ብዙውን ጊዜ እርዳታችንን ከሚሹ ሰዎች የማዳመጥና አብሮ የመሆን ጥበብን እንማራለን። ይህ ማለት ከልባችን ጊዜያችንን ስጥተን ሰውን ባዳመጥን ቁጥር እኛም ይበልጥ እንቀበላለን። ማዳመጥ ማለት ሰዎች የሕይወት ውጣ ውረዳቸውን፤ ድካማቸውን ፤ ደስታቸውን፤ ስቃያቸውንና ተስፋቸውን ሲነግሩን በመሉ ልብና ትኩረት ማዳመጥ ማለት ነው። ተናጋሪው የሚነግረንን ብቻ ማዳመጥ ሳይሆን፤ ተናጋሪውን ልብ ማለት ያስፈልጋል።

ይህ ማዳመጥ አንድን ግለሰብ በመንፈሳዊ ጉዞው ውስጥ አብሮ መጓዝን የሚመለከት ከሆነ ከሥነ - አዕምሮ ደረጃ ከፍ በማለት መንፈሳዊና ኃይማኖታዊ ገጽታ መያዝ ይጀምራል፤ ምክንያቱም አንድ ሰው ይህንን እድል ለማግኘት ብዙ ጊዜ ይጠብቃል።

እኛ እንደ አስተማሪነታችን እይታዎቻችንን ወደ ወጣቶችና የቤተሰቦቻቸው ሕይወት ከመለስን፤ በሁሉም ሰው ውስጥ ብዙ መልካም ነገሮች እንዳሉ ማረጋገጥ እንችላለን። እነዚህ መልካም ነገሮች ጎልተው እንዲወጡ ማድረግ የምንችለው ትዕግስት በተሞላበት ነገር በውስጣችን የሚመለለሱ እንቅስቃሴዎች ላይ ስናተኩር፤ ሌሎችን በተከፈተ ልብና ስንቀበል፤ ስናዳምጥና ስናስተነትንበት ነው።

ማዳመጥ የወጣቶችን አንዳንዴም የወላጆቻቸውንና ሌሎች በሥራችን ምክንያት የምናገኛቸውን ሰዎች ፍላጎት ወደ ማወቅ ሊመራን ይገባል። ወጣቶች ብዙን ጊዜ የሚቀርቡን አብሮነታችንን ብቻ ፈልገው ሳይሆን ፍላጎታቸውን ጫና ሲያደርሱባቸው፤ ጥርጣሬ፤ ችግር፤ ድንገተኛ አደጋ፤ ከባድ ሁኔታ፤ ግጭት፤ ውጥረት፤ ውሳኔ ላይ የመድረስ ፈተና እና ሌሎች ግራ የሚያጋቡ ሁኔታዎች ሲያጋጥሟቸው ነው። ቀርቧቸው ጊዜ የሚሰጣቸው ሰው ካለ እነርሱም እንዲሁ ይቀርባሉ። እንዲህ አይነቶቹ በድንገት የሚጀምሩ ግንኙነቶች ወጣቶችን ወደ ውስጣዊ እድገት የሚመራ ጉዞ ጅማሪ ሊሆኑ ይችላሉ። በአያሱስና ውሃ ለመቅዳት ወደ ጥልቁ የውሃ ጉድጓድ የመጣቸው የሳምራዊቷ ሴት ታሪክ እንዲህ አይነት ጅማሪ ነበረው።

ርዕስ ሊቃነ ጳጳሳት ፍራንጅስኮስ የ፡ወንጌል ዴስታ 169» በተሰኘው መልዕክታቸው ቤተክርስቲያን ሌሎችን በቀረቤታና በሐዘኔታ ዓይን እንድትመለከት ጥሪ ያቀርባሉ። በዛሬው ዓለማችን የኢየሱስ ሽታና ቀረቤታ እንዲሰማና እንዲታይ ለማድረግ በቁርጠኝነት መኖር አለብን። ቤተክርስቲያን፤ ሁሉም ክርስቲያኖች ማለትም ካህናት፤ ገዳማዊያንና ምዕመናን እንዲህ አይነቱን «የአብሮ መሆን ጥበብ» እንዲጀምሩ ማበረታታት አለባት። እንዲህ አይነቱ ጥበብ «የተቀደሰች መሬት ሳንረግጥ ጫማችንን ከእግራችን እንድናወጣ» ያስተምረናል። (ዘጸ 3፤ 5)። የዚህ ዓይነቱ ሥራ ፍጥነት ሚዛኑን የጠበቀና የሚያጸና መሆን ሲኖርበት፤ ቀረቤታችንና ርኅራኄ የተሞላ እይታችንን ማንጸባረቅ አለበት። የሚያድን፤ ነጻ የሚያወጣና በክርስቲያን ሕይወት ውስጥ እድገት እንዲታይ የሚያበረታታ ይህ ነው።

ዛሬ በምናየውና በሚያጋጥመን የዓለማችን እውነታዎች ውስጥ፤ የማዳመጥ ጥበብን መለማመድ አለብን።



ማዳመጥ ከመስማት የተለየ ነው። በግንኙነት ውስጥ ማዳመጥ ማለት የልብ መከፈት ማለት ነው፤ ይህ ደግሞ እውነተኛ መንፈሳዊ ትስስር እንዲከናወን በማድረግ ቀረቢታ እንዲፈጠር ያስችላል። ማዳመጥ ትክክለኛ የሆነ ተግባርና ቃል እንድናገኝና በቸልተኝነት «ምን አገባኝ» የምንል ሰዎች እንዳንሆን ይረዳናል።

ከሰዎች ጋር መራመድን ከለመድን፤ ከተዋወቅናቸውና አብረን ደስታና ሐዘናቸውን በመክፈል ቀስ በቀስ ኢየሱስ በሕይወታችን ውስጥ ስለሚሰጠን ኃይል ምስክሮች ከሆንን፤ እነሱንም የኢየሱስ ደቀመዛሙርነት ልናደርጋቸው እንችላለን።

ኢየሱስ ሳምራዊቷን ሴት እንዳገኘች የመጀመሪያ ንግግር ከፍቶ ስለ ህይወቷ ታሪክ በተወያየበት ጊዜ ትልቅ ፈውስ እንዳገኘች ሁሉ እኛም ከወጣቶች ጋር አብረን እንድንጓዝ ጥረት እናደርግ ዘንድ እንበረታታለን። የኢየሱስ ግንኙነት የሚጀምረው ሰዎችን ከማዳመጥና የሕይወት ልምዳቸውን ከመስማት ነው። እኛም ዓይኖቻችንን ከፍተኛ ብናይ ምናልባት ከህዝቡ መካከል አብረን እንድንራመድ የሚፈልግ አንድ ሰው መንገድ ላይ እናገኝ ይሆናል። ከእውነተኛ ማዳመጥ የሚመነጨው ለእኛና ለሌሎች ሰዎች ሕይወት የመለወጥ ኃይል የሚሰጥ ከሰዎች ግንኙነት የሚፈልቅ እድል ነው። በዚህ ለዋጭ ትስስር ውስጥ የአብሮ መሆን ሚና ትልቅ ነው። ይህ አብሮ መሆን የመጀመሪያ መሰናከል ሲያጋጥመን የሚቆም ሳይሆን፤ ማኅበራዊ ልማዶችን በመንተራስ ገለል የምናደርጋቸው ሰዎች ዘንድ መድረስን ጭምር ይጠይቃል።

ይህን አልፈን እንዳንራመድ የሚያግደንን ድንበር እንድንሻገር እንጠራለን። ይህ አብሮ መሆን በአንድ ሰው ብቻ የተወሰነ አይደለም፤ ይልቅስ ከማኅበራቸው፤ ከካቶሊካዊያን ቤተሰቦቻችንና ከሁሉም የእግዚአብሔር ልጆች ጋር እንድንተሳሰር ያደርገናል።

በዮሐንስ 4፡ 3-42 ውስጥ ኢየሱስ እንዳደረገው የሚከፋፍለንና የሚለያየን ድንበሮች አልፈን በመጓዝ ወጣቶችን ባሉበት ቦታና ሁኔታ በማግኘት፤ “በደመ ለእግዚአብሔር ከነገድ ሁሉ፤ ከቋንቋም ሁሉ፤ ከወገንም ሁሉ፤ ከህዝብም ሁሉ ሰዎችን የዋጀው” (ራዕ 5፡ 9-10) ኢየሱስ ባስተማረን መሠረት ጽናት በማሳየት፤ አዳማጭ ጆሮና ፍቅርን በመስጠት እንድንኖር እንጠራለን።

ሕይወታቸው ላይ ተጽእኖ የምናሳድር ብዙ ወጣቶችን መጥቀም እንድንችል ይህንን የማዳመጥና የአብሮ መሆንን ጥበብ እናዳብር!

ኢየሱስ ሳምራዊቷን ሴት ያገኘች ታሪክ ውስጥ የእግዚአብሔር መንፈስ እንዴት በሰዎች ልብ ውስጥ ገብቶ ሊሰራ እንደሚችል ያሳየናል። የሰው ልብ በደካማነቱና በኃጢአት ምክንያት የተዋከበና የተከፋፈለ ነው፤ በፈተና እና በተለያዩ እንዳንዴም ተቃራኒ

በሆኑ አስተሳሰቦች የሚሰብ ነው። ይህ የሰው ልጅ ተቃራኒ የህይወት ድራማ ያለበት ሁኔታ ሁሉ ለአብሮ መጓዝ ክርስቲያናዊ ባህል የሚረዳ እጅግ ትክክል የሆነ ጉዳይ ነው። ይህም ምዕመናን የጌታን ፈቃድና ጥሪ እንዲያውቁ የሚረዷቸውን መሣርያዎችና ግብዓቶች እንድናገኝ ይረዳናል።

- ኢየሱስ እንዳደረገው፤ ሁሉም ዓይነት ግንኙነትና አብሮ መሆን፤
- ኢየሱስ ሳምራዊቷን ሴት በጥምና አዳምጦ የህይወት ለውጥ እና መፍትሄ እንደሆናት ሁሉ ማዳመጥ ማለት ነው (ዮሐ 4፡ 3-42)
- ክርስቶስ 12ቱ ሐዋርያትን ሲጠራ በፍቅር ዓይን እንዳያቸው ሁሉ ማየት ማለት ነው (ዮሐ 1፡ 35-51)
- ኢየሱስ በቀፈርናሆም እንደተናገረው ዓይነት በሥልጣን መናገር ማለት ነው (ሉቃ 4፡ 32)
- ኢየሱስ ከኤማህስ መንገደኞች ጋር አብሮ እንደሄደ ሁሉ አብሮ መጓዝ ማለት ነው።

ኢየሱስ ሰብዓዊነትን የመግለጽ ፣ የምናገኛቸውንና የምናናግራቸውን ሰዎች የውስጥ ዓለም በትኩረትና በሙሉ ፍላጎት የማዳመጥ ጥበብ አስተማሪ ነው። ኢየሱስ ልባቸውን አንበብ፤ መርምሮ እንዴት መረዳት እንዳለበት ያውቃል። ሌሎችን ስናዳምጥ ከእግዚአብሔር ጋርና ከሌሎች ጋር ግንኙነት ለመፍጠር በውስጣቸው የሚቃስተውን መንፈሳዊ ጩኸት መስማት ይኖርብናል። ስለሆነም እውነተኛ የማዳመጥና አብሮ መሆንን ጥበብ በማዳበር ወጣቶቻችን ከኢየሱስ ጋር የግል ግንኙነት እንዲፈጥሩ መንገድ ልናሳያቸው እንችላለን። ትምህርተ ክርስቶስ እንደሚያስተምረን በክርስቲያን ሕይወት ላይ የተመሠረተ፤ ማለትም በክርስቶስ አስተምህሮና የማኅበር ሕይወት ላይ የተመሠረተ ስልጠና እንዲኖር ያበረታታል።

ይህ ደግሞ ትህትና፤ ለድሆች ማሰብን፤ ለተገለሉት ወገኖች ልዩ ትኩረት መስጠትን፤ ወንድማማችነት የሞላበት ስህተት ማስተካከያ መንገድ መከተልን፤ አብሮ መጸለይን፤ ይቅር መባባልን፤ እነዚህን ሁሉ አስተሳሰቦችን የሚያቅፍ ወንድማዊና እህታዊ ፍቅር እንዲበረታታ ያደርጋል። «አንድ ሰው ከልብ የሚያዳምጠው ሌላ ሰው እንዳለ ሲረዳ፤ በውስጡ አድጎት እና ትልቅ እጩታ ከለውጥ ጋር መታየት ይጀምራል።»

ሲ/ር መና በርሄ

የኮምቦኒ ደናግል ልዑካን ማህበር

Why am I so Poor?

Once a very poor man asked God: "Why am I so poor?" God answered him: "You are poor because you do not practise charity." "But how can I practise charity if I don't have anything to give?" Asked the poor man.

God replied, "You have five treasures that you can share with others. First, you have your face. You can share your smile with others. It is free and awesome and has amazing effect on others. Second, you have your eyes, you can look at others with full of love and care, genuinely you can impact millions. Make them feel so good. Third you have your mouth, with this mouth you can say nice things to others, talk good, make them feel valued. Spread joy as positivity. Then you have a heart. With your loving heart you can wish happiness to others. Make others feel a bundle of emotions. Touch their lives. Last treasure that you possess is your body. With this body you can do many good things to others. Help the people who need. Help is not only money, a small caring gesture can light up the lives.

Do this and feel rich!

“መምህር ሆይ፣ ውኃ ስጠኝ”



የ 2018 ዓመት የዓመቱን መሪ ሐሳብ በጠቅላይ የደን ቦስኮ ማኅበር ሐላፊ በሆኑት አባ አንኸል ፈርናንደዝ አርቲም የተሰጠ ሲሆን ይኸም “የማዳመጥና መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ስልት በመንፈሳዊ ጉዞ” የሚል መሪ ሐሳብ ነው። ይህ መሪ ሐሳብ የተወሰደው በያዕቆብ ኩሬ አጠገብ ኢየሱስን ከጠየቀችው ሳምራዊትዋ ሴት ነው። ከዚህ መነሻ ሀሳብ ኢየሱስ ሳምራዊቷን ሴት አዳመጣት፣ አከበራት እንዲሁም አሞግሳት። ከዚህ የተነሣ በልብዋ ሌላ የበለጠ ነገር አስበች ጠየቀችውም “መምህር ሆይ ውኃ ስጠኝ” (የሕይወት ውኃ በሙሉ ጋብዘኝ) አለችው። ዋናው የወንጌሉ መልእክት የሳለስያን ማኅበር ጠቅላይ ኃላፊ እንደገለጡት ወጣቶች እምነታቸውንና ጥሪያቸውን ለይቶ በማወቅ ውሳኔ ማድረግ እንዳለባቸው የሚረዳ ነው። ይህንንም ለመላው ሳለስያን ቤተሰብ በተልእኮአቸው በዓለም ውስጥ የበለጠ የማዳመጥና የማጀብ ስልት ለወጣቶች እንዲያካፍሉ ነው።

፡ ዮሐ 4፡7-9 ኢየሱስ ውኃ ጠምቶት በችግር ላይ በነበረበት ወቅት ሁኔታው ለሳምራዊትዋ ሴት ባዕድ ነበር። ኢየሱስ ውሀ ጠምቶታል ነገር ግን የውኃ መቅጃ የለውም። ኩሬው በጣም ጥልቅ ነው። በሌላ በኩል ከታሪኩ እንደምንረዳው መጥፎ ታሪክ የነበራት ሴት ነች። ሕይወትዋ በጥሩ ሥነ ምግባር የታነጸ አልነበረም። በተጨማሪም በኢየሱስና በሷ መካከል የነበረው አመለካከት የተለያየ ነበር። እሱም የዘር ጥላቻና የሃይማኖት አለማግባባት ነበር። በዚህ ምክንያት ከሷ ውኃን መለመን አይታሰብም ነበር።

ከዚህ ሐሳብ በመጀመሪያ የምንረዳው መንፈሳዊ ማዳመጥና መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ምን እንደሆነ ማየት ወይም መረዳት ተገቢና ጥሩ መንገድ እንደሆነ ነው። መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ማለት ሰውን ወደ እግዚአብሔር የማቅረብ ሂደት ነው። ይህ መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ከአንተ ጋር ሆኖ አብሮ የሚሄድ፣ የሚጓዝ፣ ውይይት በማድረግ የአንተን ታማኝነትን በማሰላስል በየዕለቱ በእግዚአብሔር ሕልውና ውስጥ እንድትኖር የሚረዳህ ነው። ከዚህ መንፈሳዊ አጀብ የምንካፈለው ለሕይወታችን የሚሆን ሕልም፣ ራዕይ፣ ድል፣ ተስፋና እምነትን ሲሆን አንተ በውስጥህ የሚኖረው ፍራቻን፣ ተስፋ መቁረጥን በሕይወታችን ያሉ የተለያዩ ፈተናዎችና ድካሞች የምናካፍልበት መንፈሳዊ ጉዞ ነው። ከዚህ መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ካለው ጥልቅ ከሆነ የጥበብ ምንጭ ለመቀበል የልብን በር መክፈትና የእግዚአብሔርን ጥሪ መቀበል አስፈላጊ ነው። ከመንፈሳዊ አጀብ የምንትቀበለውን ጥበብና የእግዚአብሔርን ጥሪ ከራሱ ጋር ለማዋሃድ መጣርና ንቁ ሰሚ መሆን ያስፈልጋል። መንፈሳዊ ሕይወታችንና ጸሎታችን በሕይወታችን ተግባራዊ ሆኖ መታየት አለበት።

፡ ከእኛ ጋር አብሮ ከሚጓዝው መንፈሳዊ አጀብ ጋር ተናጋሪና ሰሚ መሆን ትጉ ተሳታፊ ያደርገናል። የዚህ ጉዞ ፍፃሜ ወደ እግዚአብሔር መድረስ ነው። መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ እስከ ሕይወት ፍፃሜ ነው። ሳለስያዊ መምህር ብቻ ሳይሆን ሁለንተናዊ ሕይወትን መሰረት በማድረግ ዕድገት አምጪ ሆኖ ለወጣቶች ሕይወታቸውን ሙሉ የሚያገኝባቸው ነው። ይህንን መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ በክርስቲያናዊ ጉዞ የመንፈሳዊ ሕይወት ምንጭና



አባ ፍስሀፅዮን አንደማርያም ኤስ.ዲ.ቢ

የክርስቲያኖች መመገቢያ ሲሆን ማዳመጥ ለመንፈሳዊ ዕድገት መሠረት ነው።

ዶን ቦስኮ በማዳመጥና በመንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ረገድ ብዙዎቹን ወደ ቅድስና አድርጏል። ከብዙዎቹ መካከል አንዱ የሆነውን እንደ ምሳሌ ያህል ዶመኒኮ ሳቩንን እንወስዳለን፡፡ የመጀመሪያ ተነሳሽነትን የወሰደው ዶን ቦስኮ ነው። ቀረብ ብሎ ስም ማን ነው? ከየትስ ነው የመጣኸው? ብሎ ጠየቀው፡፡ የአንድን ሰው አስተዳደጉንና አኗኗሩን ማወቅ በመንፈሳዊ ጉዞ በጣም አስፈላጊ ነው። ከዛም ቀጥሎ ዶን ቦስኮ ዶመኒኮ ሳቩንን ለብቻው ጠርቶ ስለ ራሱና ስለ ትምህርቱ ሁኔታ አንድ በአንድ ጠየቀው፡፡ ወዲያውኑ በሁለቱም መካከል መግባባት፣ የጋራ መተማመን፣ መደማመጥና መንፈሳዊ ማጀብ ሊፈጠር ቻለ፡፡ ዶን ቦስኮ ካዳመጠው በኋላ በመንፈሳዊ ጉዞውን ለዶመኒኮ ሳቩን ማጀብ ወጠነ፡፡ ዶመኒኮ ሳቩን ለዶን ቦስኮ “አባ ወደ ቱሪኖ ሂጄ እንደማርፍትወሰደኝ ፍላጎት አለህ?” ብሎ ጠየቀው፡፡

“ደህና በአንተ ውስጥ ጥሩ ጨርቅ እንዳለ እገምታለሁ።” “የምን ጥሩ ጨርቅ?” ለተባረከው ጌታችን ጥሩ ልብስ የሚሆን ጨርቅ፡፡ ድንቅ ነው! አኔ ልብስ ነኝ አንተም ልብስ ሰፊ ነህ። ስለዚህ የሚያስደስት ነገር በአኔ ላይ ትሰራለህ፡፡ የልብሱ ሰፊ አንተ ሁን እንደፈለግኸ አድርገኝ በማለት የልቡን በር ከፈተለት። ይህ ለኛ ዛሬ የማዳመጥና የማጀብ ሂደት እውነተኛ ስልት ነው። እንዴት ማዳመጥ ይቻላል?

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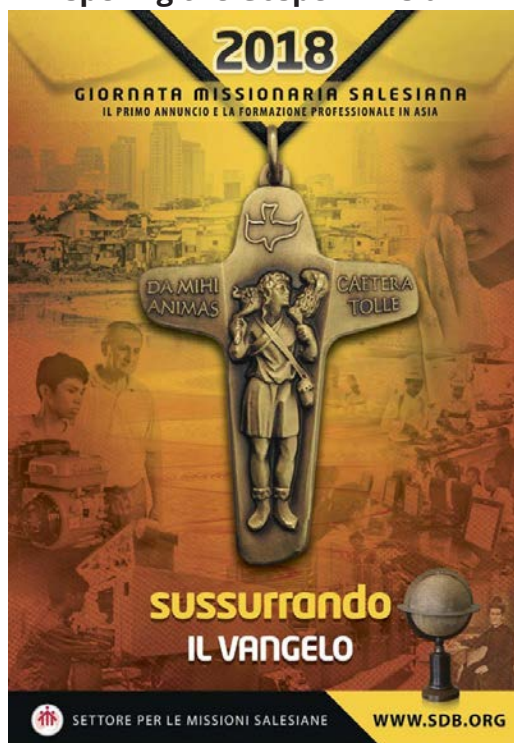
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Salesian World **GLOBAL NEWS**

Salesian Mission Day 2018: Whispering the Gospel in Asia



Rome: The theme of Salesian Mission Day (GMS) 2018, “Whispering the Gospel in Asia”, was presented recently in Rome. This year the focus falls on the first proclamation of the Gospel on the Asian continent, especially those spoken via the Vocational Training Schools.

The Congregation invites everyone to celebrate the Salesian Mission Day on 11 November, or thereabouts, the departure date of the First

Missionary Expedition, but the Provinces may choose to celebrate the day on other dates, according to their own convenience. As part of the presentation, the GMS poster was released. It sets the new Salesian Missionary Cross at its center, a reminder that the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Salesian Family are called to be missionaries of the young, their hearts shaped according to the Good Shepherd, the source of joy, faith, hope and love. The radiant golden light descending from above that continues as a stream of water in the background represents the presence of the Holy Spirit who constantly guides and illuminates each missionary in their life of service. That gentle stream indicates, too, the methodology of the First Announcement, one of serene, discreet and respectful patience as it communicates the Good News. The GMS poster and prayers, and later also the booklet for missionary animation, will soon be available, in various languages, at the website sdb.org.

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A great gift to the Salesians for 2018 - Mongolia

Mongolia - Ulan Bator: On 31 December 2017, on the outskirts



of Ulan Bator, Mongolia's capital, in the village of Shovoo, a new Salesian parish with the name of "Holy Family" opened its doors, a structure built by the Mongolian prefecture. Fr Mario Gasper Santosh, SDB, was appointed as its first parish priest by His Excellency Wenceslao Padilla, the bishop of Mongolia. About 200 people from all over the prefecture attended the great event, including 10 Salesians, other religious and priests. To celebrate the day, seven people were also baptized, including young people and adults. The parish has more than 60 Catholics. About 10 years ago the government granted the village Shovoo to carry out social and religious activities. Started by the ICM sisters (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), it was then consigned to the prefecture. Then, entrusted to the Salesians one year ago, the Salesians now manage the crèche, an unofficial parish, the farms during summer, and many other social initiatives. The village, with a population of 10 to 15 thousand people, is in a mountainous environment and surrounded by a

river. In winter, snow blankets the land; in summer, green pastures bring on a life full of activity everywhere. A simple population, open to evangelization, as well as other development work. **ANS**

Agreement signed between Vatican Communications and Salesians

Vatican: The agreement between the Secretariat for Communication (SpC) of the Holy See and the Society of St. Francis de Sales has been signed. At the center of the agreement is the collaboration within the Vatican information system as per the communications reform called for by Pope Francis. The agreement comes after the signing of a similar document with the Society of Jesus, now present as a mission community within the Vatican communication system. This agreement will allow the contribution of Don Bosco's charism to be shared within the framework of the different services provided by the SpC. The agreement will last three-years, after which it may be renewed. Signing the agreement were the Rector Major of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, Father Ángel Fernández Artime, and the Prefect of the Secretariat for Communication, Msgr. Dario Edoardo Viganò.

150th anniversary of Basilica of Mary Help of Christians: a candle for each Province before Mary

Turin: To best celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in



Turin, scheduled 9 June 2018, the Special Circumscription of Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta (ICP) has launched an initiative of unity, fraternity and spirituality in solidarity at the Congregation-wide level: for each single Province, a specific day of prayer will be offered. For this reason, every Province is urged to send a candle to Valdocco; the candle will be lit before the painting of Mary Help of Christians. Below is the message of Fr Guido Errico, director at Mother Mary Help of Christians.

Dear Provincials, we greet you from Valdocco where we inaugurated a series of events for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians:

June 9, 1868/2018.

Here, all our confreres feel at home and all the members of the Salesian Family feel being part of a history of educational holiness initiated by Don Bosco.

Here, young people of all backgrounds, who come to visit our Father, are continually directed by him to place themselves under the mantle of Mary Help of Christians.

For these reasons, we wish that your Province also participate in this celebration of gratitude to Mary Help of Christians, and feel represented in the prayer that will be offered in our Basilica.

Every day we will pray for the intentions and needs of a Province of the Congregation and for the needs of the Salesian Family present in that territory.

We ask you to express your presence in the Basilica through a candle that will be lit before the picture of Mary Help of Christians. When your candle arrives in Turin, the day we shall pray for your Province will be indicated to you. The Rector of the Basilica is available for any further information: m.ausiliatrice@tiscali.it.

The Rector Major, informed of this initiative, hopes that this new chain of prayer, which will cross our Congregation starting from Valdocco, will help the whole Salesian Family to offer our particular contribution in view

of the upcoming Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment.

“Global Teacher Prize” awarded to a teacher from Salesian school



Contratación: Among the world's 50 best teachers selected in the 2018 “Global Teacher Prize” - an award considered the “Nobel” of the education sector - is a teacher of the San Juan Bosco Industrial & Technical Institute of Contratación, Santander, Province of Colombia-Bogota. His name: Carlos Enrique Sánchez Santamaría, professor of Information Technology and Communication.

The Global Teacher Prize is an award created to acknowledge the work of those teachers who make exceptional contributions to the profession and clearly demonstrate, through their vital work, the fundamental role teachers play in society.

Furthermore, thanks to the selection of the globe's best teachers, the award highlights dozens of heroic stories of education that have transformed the lives of many young people worldwide. Professor Sánchez Santamaría has

developed programs based on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) to help his students face the challenges of the future as part of a global community, and to overcome the stigma that has marked his city from the era in which it hosted those suffering from Hansen's disease (leprosy).

He initially focused on the implementation of software for teaching design and architectural engineering, but soon he expanded into other areas; 17 years ago, he and his students created a newspaper called “Periodecimo” that involved everyone in the institute. He created an editorial office; students do research after school and use all the available technologies to promote their products. The work is self-assessed and Prof Sánchez Santamaría is always looking for ways to improve.

Recently he helped his students produce a monthly television program. In addition, his teaching methods have been shared through YouTube and his activities have helped a generation of students successfully undertake academic courses in technical faculties in different parts of the world.

The list of 50 preselected teachers has representatives from 33 different countries. The final winner will be announced during the World Education and Training Forum, to be held on Sunday 18 March, 2018, in Dubai.

In addition to the prize, the winner receives one million dollars to develop their educational project

Rector Major: “a strong invitation to all those confreres who feel the missionary vocation in their



hearts”

Rome: In 1880, Don Bosco was greatly pleased: it marked the year the Salesians officially entered Argentine Patagonia. Thus a dream he long cultivated and desired was fulfilled, one that was “the most beautiful of our congregation,” as he himself wrote to Fr Giuseppe Fagnano (letter 3337). Today, the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the same pastoral zeal of St. John Bosco, wrote a letter with a “strong invitation” to listen to the voice of God and inviting the Salesians to be missionaries.

Fr Á.F. Artime sent the letter on December 8: “a very significant day to make a missionary call ad gentes in all the provinces of the world and to all the confrères who feel called by the Lord to live in a special way our missionary vocation.”

“My missionary call,” writes the Rector Major, “intends to resound also in the hearts of many confrères, in all the

Provinces and Salesian presences in the world, waiting for generous responses. Don Bosco had many Salesians close to him and sent them on his first expeditions. In his name, I address a strong invitation to all those confrères who feel in their hearts this desire aroused by the Lord.”

The reason for the missionary call is undoubtedly the same one that prompted Don Bosco, the zealous priest who felt called by God to help save the young and to fulfill this universal mission by trying to read the signs of the times. And now the concrete sign that the Salesians are called to read is that of the many “adolescents and young people, and among them are the poorest, those abandoned and most at risk” waiting in many parts of the world. The Rector Major emphasizes three special points: to increase the number of missionaries sent all over the world every September with the Salesian Missionary Expedition; to increase fraternal solidarity between the many Provinces and Vice Provinces; to focus on specific areas with special needs, such the missions in Amazonia, refugee camps in Uganda, Eastern Europe, new presences in Malaysia and Gambia...

“I strongly urge you to generosity,” the Rector Major concludes, entrusting at the same time this generosity to the blessing of Mary Help of Christians.

The full text of the letter is available at www.sdb.org

Cover Feature



Abba Temesgen Petros SDB

"Jesus Dug a Well in Samaritan Woman's Awareness"

Tentatives for a Pastoral Approach

Samaritans and Jews passionately disliked each other. Like so many ethnic hatreds, the source was political and religious. The destructive stream of hostility may be traced back to the civil war that occurred after the death of Solomon. The northern kingdom of Israel fought the southern kingdom of Judea, resulting in a split between the two kingdoms.

When Jesus met the Samaritan women, he did so in a context of tension. There was historical hostility between the two peoples due to the civil war. There was religious hostility between the heretic Samaritans and the true- believing Jews. There was tension between a man and a woman alone by a well, strangers to each other in isolated and dangerous territory.

To feel the human uneasiness between them in modern terms, we need only think of an Israeli male meeting a Palestinian woman in some out-of-the-way deserted place. Stranger in the wilderness, heirs to the historical divisions, they were subject to the weariness that any two such individuals might face when meeting one another by



chance. We have no way of knowing how much this tension affected them. Whatever initial misgivings there may have been, Jesus calmed the waters and offered the woman the saving love that would transform her. In this short reflection paper of the STRENNA 2018, “Sir, Give me this Water” Jn 4, 15, I trace five steps in the conversion of the Samaritan woman. This gives insight into Christ’s pastoral approach and her evolving response.

1.Create a Trust Situation

Jesus was tired from his journey and decided to rest by the well while his disciples went into town to purchase food. A woman came to get water. Jesus dispelled the foreseeable tension by asking her for a drink of water. He was non – threatening. He disarmed her by asking her for a favor. He would ask for a favor before giving her a favor. He offered her control of the situation. He gave her permission to do what she wanted. She could oblige him or refuse him and unburden her hostilities. She chose the latter approach. She asked him how a Jew could ask a Samaritan for a favor. The gospel does not add the details, but imagination might supply the types of remarks she could have added. “You and your people burned our sanctuaries. You use our names as a curse word. You refuse us hospitality. You physically avoid us as though we were lepers. You claim to love God, but despise us.” This is the first step in her conversion. Jesus led her to face her inner loneliness and anxieties. He freed her to express herself to him. She became more objective about herself. He moved her towards a new possibility.

2.Recognize the Other Person’s Need - Let that Person Know It

Jesus had caught her attention. If she were to understand the gift of God that he was offering her, she would be asking him for the gift. He would satisfy her by giving her living water. Jesus listened to her spiritual longing. He did not reply to her anger. He did not argue with her about cultural prejudices. He saw the shadow that hid her spiritual desires and began the process of sending light into the darkness. In speaking of a gift of God, he touched the universal eagerness to receive gifts and the deeper human need to receive a Divine Gift. His word about living water has two meanings. They refer to running water as contrasted to stagnant pools in desert places. Secondly, they mean waters that satisfy spiritual thirsts. Scripture often used the images of thirst and water commenting on spiritual needs. “With joy you will draw water at the fountain of Salvation” (Is 12:3). “As the deer that longs for the running streams, so my soul longs for you, my God” (Ps 42:1). Jesus listened to her spiritual thirst and offered her the living water of God to minister to it. Jesus let her know that he appreciated her inmost longings.

Now he gave her a second permission-to misunderstand what he said. She was not quite ready for self-insight. She kept the conversion at an objective level. She stayed at the literal meaning of his words. Getting little playful and more relaxed, she said he had no bucket. How could he give her any water? Loosening up a little more, she asked him if

he thought he were a better man than the patriarch Jacob who built this well. Her anger had subsided. Now she is unwinding a bit more. Her potential for change is growing. She sees something likeable in this supposed enemy. The second step in her conversion is occurring. A Christian conversion, a conversion to the person of Christ. She begins to like him.

3.Become More Directive

Jesus had put her at ease. He had let her control the situation up to this point, but he now took greater charge of their interaction. He observed that a relationship was emerging. They were no longer two strangers at a desert well, but two persons caught up in a process. Just as he had not reacted to her anger in step one, so he did not respond to her nervous literalism in step two. He continued to minister to her spiritual need. It was clear to him that she wanted a love that was strong, a love that would never betray her. He told her that he could give her something beyond living water. Basically, he told her, "I am indeed greater than Jacob who could only give you a well to satisfy physical thirst. I can give you Everlasting Water that will quench your spiritual thirst eternally." Intuitively, she knew what he meant. He let her progress at her own pace. She felt accepted by him. He obviously wanted to give her something of great value. He is not threatening. Nor is he a hostile Jew bent on humiliating her. A sense of wonder begins to flow through her whole being. Jesus had awakened in her the basic need. Before she could stop the words, she heard herself saying, "Sir, give me this water."

This was the third stage in her conversion. She wanted the waters of initiation into a community of love. In scriptural and theological language, she yearned for membership in a community of faithful and trustworthy people. This was not explicit in her mind, but it was the substance of her desires.

4.Confront the Person with the Decision to be Moral

Jesus was determined that she was now ready for the moment of Truth. He knew that her thirst had been undermined by a series of infidelities. Their relationship had evolved to the point where he could speak to her openly. He changed his strategy of non-direction to directive behavior. He said that she should go get her husband. Quickly she said she had no husband. Just as rapidly Jesus replied that she was right. She had five husbands already and the man she lived with now was not her lawful husband. He asked her to face her immoral choices. There would be no religious conversion so long as the moral issues of her life were not confronted. Only when she was ready to give up her infidelities would she discover true love and experience God. Jesus insisted she considers the possibility of "metanoia" – moral change. Jesus created this crisis event for conversion purposes. He caused an identity crisis in her life. If she emerged from it creatively, she would experience a loss (her old ways of infidelity) and a gain (a new life of trust and love).

As always, Jesus delicately pulled back and let her act freely. She could respond as she chose. He would not coerce faith from her. His shock therapy startled her into calling him a prophet – not just a clairvoyant who mysteriously could read her mind and her past, but a prophet who confronted people with their moral lapses. She did not want to face that. She dodged the issue. She began to talk about the dispute between Jesus and Samaritans as to where authentic worship took place at Jerusalem or the Samaritan shrine on Mount Gerizim.

HE WANTED A DECISION. SHE WANTED A DISCUSSION. HE SAID, "LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR SOUL." SHE REPLIED, "LET'S TALK THEOLOGY". UNDERNEATH ALL OF THIS GIVE AND TAKE, THE DRAMA OF HER CONVERSION CONTINUED. SHE CAUTIOUSLY ENTERED THE FORTH STEP IN THE CHANGE PROCESS – MORAL CONVERSION.

5. Invite the Person to Faith

Jesus accepted her unwillingness to look directly at her moral life. Her discomfort level was too intense. She needed time to let her new awareness work its benefits for her. Jesus did not press her on her divorces and infidelities. He did not act the roaring preacher, intimidating her with accusations, revealing her for her sins, forecasting hellish consequences for her misdeeds. He simply placed a mirror before her soul. She could see well enough what was there. His very presence was enough to keep the mirror steadily before her. His kindness and patience were sufficient to let her absorb this at her own pace. Jesus was more interested in helping and accompanying her to believe in the future of love than in making her feel miserable about her past.

He went along with her deviation into a religious quarrel. He said that the day will come when people will not worship at either Jerusalem or Gerizim, but will adore the Father in Spirit and in Truth. The purpose of religious rituals is thus fulfilled when the worshipers permit the ceremonies, songs and readings to open them to the powerful presence of the Spirit working there. This is worshiping in Truth. Thereby one is faithful to the goal of liturgy. Like all digressions, this was buying time to face the real issue at hand. Jesus had dug a well in her awareness and was summoning forth the waters of faith and love. "Whoever drinks the water I will give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to Eternal Life" (v.14). Effectively, Jesus is saying: "Come!

See! Believe! Love!"

He waited in the silence of the desert by a well. He had given her the option for love. There is a time in any relationship when the noise of words should stop. The mystery of a person's inner drama deserves reverent reserve. The glory-presence of Jesus was affecting her. A peaceful quietness enveloped her. Slowly, she found herself saying, "I know that the Messiah is coming." Out of her own contemplative thoughtfulness, she spoke from her heart, which is ready to meet that Savior. She did want the Everlasting Water after all. Her inner drive to faith and love has uttered its plea for Salvation. Jesus simply replied, "I am He, the one who is speaking with you." He gave her the love she sought. The expression "I am," which will appear so frequently in John, echoed the word of God to Moses at the burning bush. When Moses wanted to know God's name, God said, "I am." Jesus is God in the flesh. He confided in this woman his most precious secret, "I am." At that very moment she came to faith.

This describes the fifth stage in her conversion, her total, personal commitment to Christ, to community, to morality, and to evangelical witness. This last aspect of her conversion is illustrated by her leaving her water pot at the well, going back to her town and preaching the Good News to her relatives, friends and acquaintances.

Behold the Convert who becomes an Evangelist (Jn 4:27-42)

Jesus amazed her with his insights into her heart. She could have used a psalm verse to explain his power. "You understand my thoughts from afar [...] Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know the whole of it" (Ps 139:1). Jesus saw the sleeping person inside her heart. Like a surgeon who sees a disease, but who sees the health that follows when the sickness is cut away, Jesus compassionately turned her away from a disappointing life into one full of meaning. The apostles turned with the food supplies and set out a meal, but Jesus touched nothing. They urged him to eat. Jesus was still too absorbed in the contemplative moment of the woman's conversion. "He had revealed his glory and the woman had received the grace of loving faith". The experience had intensified his evangelical appetite. "I have food to eat of which you do not know" (Jn 4:32).

When he was ready to talk, he reminded his disciples of the amber fields of grain which they had seen on their northward journey. Those fields were ripe for the harvest. He used the agricultural image to illustrate an evangelization message. Many people were ready for Salvation, but there must be evangelists willing and able to bring them the possibility. In Mt. 9:37-8, Jesus said, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." The evangelizers must remember that they are engaged in a Divine work. Even the call to evangelize was an action of the Spirit.



Abba Chrys Saldanha SDB

What School



Makes a Catholic?



A Catholic school is generally considered to be a school run by the Catholic Church or that caters to Catholic students. For the Church, instead, a Catholic school is one that possesses a “distinctive Christian educational environment” or a “Christian school climate”; if such a climate “is not present, then there is little left which can make the school Catholic”!

So, what is this “Christian school climate”? Actually speaking, a Catholic school “is like any other school in [the] complex variety of events that make up the life of the school [lessons, study, research, exercises, para-curricular activities, examinations, relationships with teachers and one another, group activities, class meetings, school assemblies; but] there is one essential difference: it draws its inspiration and its strength from the Gospel in which it is rooted”. So much so that “from the first moment that a student sets foot in a Catholic school, he or she [has] the impression of entering a new environment, one illumined by the light of faith, and having its own unique characteristics... The Gospel spirit [is] evident in a Christian way of thought and life which permeates all facets of the educational climate”.

Concretely speaking, the “Christian school climate” can easily be identified when one comes across in the school an environment of serenity and joy; sentiments of mutual esteem, trust and friendliness; a respect for individual dignity and uniqueness, religion and ideas; a feeling of community, cooperation and shared responsibility; an acceptance of, and even an affection for, one another; a concern for,

and solidarity with, the poorer and weaker students, and for poor and weak people in general; a sense of God; a spirit of devotion to duty and dedication; an encouragement to develop one’s self and one’s God-given talents; an openness to dialogue; a commitment to honesty and truth; the practice of justice and forgiveness... All this is experienced by the students, and it comes about because the Christian faith is lived in the Catholic school, not preached!

It is the “Christian climate” that helps the Catholic school become what it is meant to be, viz. a “place of evangelization”! “Evangelization” is a term that is often interpreted reductively as a verbal presentation of the Christian faith in order to bring about a conversion. It is instructive to reflect on the answer Pope Francis gave at the World Youth Day in Krakow when he was asked by a young man what he should say to a close friend who was an atheist. The Pope replied that the last thing he needed to do was to say something! He told him just to live his Christian life, and eventually if his atheist friend should ask him about it, he should go ahead and tell him about his faith in Jesus.

Evangelization cannot simply be equated with preaching and conversion; it is far more than that. The Gospels tell us that Jesus evangelized very well in the towns of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum – all places where the people rejected him!

Perhaps a good model of evangelization for us is St. Teresa of Calcutta. Because of her love for Jesus she reached out to the poor and abandoned – irrespective of their nation, race and religion – and, through her solicitous concern for

them, she sought to make them experience God's tender, loving care for them; she wanted them to realize that they are precious in God's eyes, and that all that God asked of them was that they live as his good children.

In the same way, the Christian community in the school, drawing inspiration and strength from the word and example of Jesus, the human revelation of God's love, strives to bring everyone to experience God's love, to feel loved and respected in his or her dignity as God's son or daughter. The students may not hear words like "Jesus", "God" and "Church" mentioned in the school, but they experience - they touch with their hands, so to say - the Christian faith as it is lived. And they have this experience every day... for as long as they are in the school. They breathe the Christian atmosphere of the school; this is evangelization! We must never forget that our mission as Salesians is to be "signs and bearers of the love of God for young people, especially those who are poor" (Const. 2).

Therefore, the need today is to make our schools not less but more Christian! Which does not mean adding more catechism classes or more religious talks and practices, but creating an environment in which the faith is lived in a way that touches everyone's lives.

Perhaps we may not be aware of it, but it is a fact that when we speak to people or perform some actions, a lot more goes across to them than just the words we say or the things we do. Behind our words and actions there are our feelings and convictions, and some aspects of our character and inner world are on display;

our listeners and viewers have antennae that pick up these signals all the while. They can spot when a word or deed is inspired by the love of God and when it isn't.

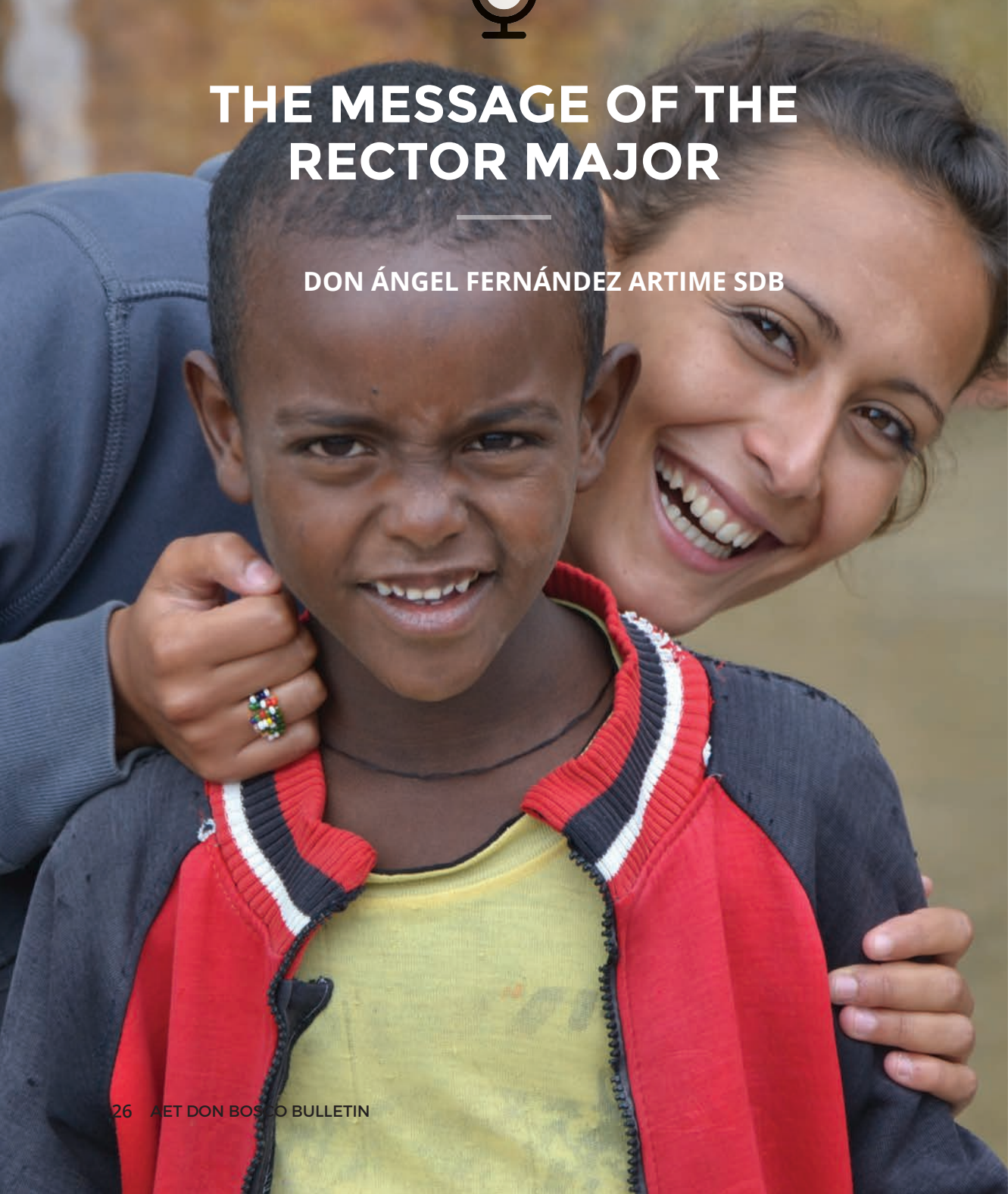
The document on Catholic education mentioned earlier indicates, for example, how the faith can inspire teachers as they teach their respective subjects. A biology teacher can teach biology in a way that instils in the students a sense of awe and admiration for the human body, the masterpiece of God's creation; a history teacher can help the students to see history as a drama of human greatness and human misery, and as a projection onto the world, a science teacher can bring the students to see the Creator's wisdom and power in the whole of creation, from the distant celestial bodies down to the infinitesimal particles and waves of matter and energy.

And so, it is apparent that what matters most in creating a Christian climate in the school are not the structures and resources, plans and processes, activities and works. The central and pivotal factor is the person of the Salesian, the Christian teacher, the Christian pupil. The whole Christian community in the school must come to realize that by virtue of their baptism they are called to share in the work of evangelization. As I said, they are not called to preach, but to live their faith by letting their Christian way of thinking and acting genuinely permeate all that they do and say in the school. When this happens, there will be a perceptible Christian environment in the school, and the school will thoroughly deserve to be called Catholic.



THE MESSAGE OF THE RECTOR MAJOR

DON ÁNGEL FERNÁNDEZ ARTIME SDB



It is most certain that Don Bosco is alive today, alive in so many different realities where thousands and thousands of people carry his dream forward, in the name of Jesus. And he is still alive because he continues to be their inspiration.

Dearest friends, many things have happened during this past month and a half. (It is the end of November as I write this January greeting to all of you, but I have firmly in mind the month of Don Bosco.) In October and November, I spent 14 very intense and beautiful days in Brazil – in São Paulo and Recife. The 11 spent days in India – in Bangalore, Guwahati, Assam, and Mumbai – as well as the 10 days spent in Angola and Mozambique were very special, too.

Today in Matola, while we were bidding farewell in a very simple and humble place, celebrating Sunday Mass with 200 adults and children – many of whom were shoeless and not wearing their “Sunday best” because they do not have any – one of them, in the name of everyone, read this “thank you” message that I transcribe below for you. I found it sweetest when she said it was a message that was not intended for me alone. It was a message so full of life that it raised my thoughts to something very certain: by God’s grace, Don Bosco is still very much alive in all parts of the world.

This is what that little 12-year-old girl read:



"At this moment during Holy Mass, we give thanks to the Lord and to you, Don Angel. Your presence has helped us celebrate life and friendship. Our hearts have swelled while celebrating with you who carry many children and young people from all over the world in your heart. Dear Don Angel, father and friend, thank you for having celebrated with us. May the Lord bless you, wherever you may be. We will pray for you, and we know that you will never stop praying for us. We would love to travel with you and help you in your work, but you know very well that we have to study hard, help in our homes, and prepare ourselves so we may do much good for many people. One day, when you return, we will have more time to show you all the good that we have discovered and that we have done. Don Bosco taught us that God wants us always to be happy and to do all our duties well. Bring with you a hug from us to all the children of the world. Wherever you may be, you will feel in your heart our friendship becoming prayer for you, and our joy becoming peace when you feel tired. Carry us in your hearts for we, in ours, are already with you. Sing with us this song, Don Angel, for this is what God wants of us, I am happy because Jesus wants me to be.

There ends the message which I received from all the boys and girls accompanied by their youth leaders.

They contemplated me as I contemplated them, and I said to myself once again that we Salesians and our



Salesian Family around the world truly were born for them – for the poorest and simplest. It is here where we feel best and where we help others feel their best. And I was thinking of the thousands of little boys, girls, teens, and young adults whom I have come to know in this past month and a half during my travels – and that all of them, no matter what their culture or customs, all said the same thing.

"I have a future. Nothing is lost. I am here, and I have a future. I have a future."

I also thought that it is most certain that Don Bosco is alive today, alive in so many different realities where thousands and thousands of people carry his dream forward, in the name of Jesus. And he is still alive because he continues to be their inspiration.

As I write these lines now, something else comes to mind that completely confirms what I have been saying. One week earlier, I was visiting one of our houses in Luanda, Angola, where

they take in street children. That day there were 42 – of whom the most recent arrival had come in only one week prior; the “veteran” had been there for five years. The youngest, the “Benjamin,” is six years old. One of them, who had a great gift for singing rap, composed a song for the visit. Its words were: “I have a future. Nothing is lost. I am here, and I have a future. I have a future.” This boy had already spent two years on the streets when Divine Providence willed that we should make contact with him. Looking at them, with a heart filled with emotion, I said to myself: Don Bosco lives! In this house and in every one of my brother Salesians and in the lay educators who today welcome these children with word, gaze, and open arms as so many friends, brothers, and fathers, Don Bosco lives!

That little girl in Matola was right when she asked me to carry them in my heart. I cannot but carry them in my heart after having gotten to know them. And, just like me, so do you, my dear friends and

very good people who continue to believe that together we can do much good, in a world in which many do not trust anything or anyone.

I can assure you that what I share with you is life itself, as St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said. For every poor person whom we encounter – and I say this in her name – for every little boy, little girl, adolescent, and young adult whom we encounter, that meeting is not only not indifferent but can change their lives for the good.

Therefore, thanks be to our Good God for such beauty. Thanks be to our Good God for them, the smallest and simplest, who count for nothing in this world but who continue to do us so much good. In Don Bosco’s name, “Thanks!”

***“DON BOSCO TAUGHT
US THAT GOD WANTS US
ALWAYS TO BE HAPPY”***



*“Keep Trying,
Never Give Up!!”*



KINDALEM KASSA

How was your first contact with Don Bosco?

My first connection with Don Bosco started in this way. It was a rainy night and I was sitting with my friends under a shed of a hotel in the Mexico square. At that very moment a car came and parked right in front of us. As small boys we were quite shocked and surprised and even afraid because we saw an old man, obviously a foreigner but who spoke Amharic fluently. He was standing just in front of us and telling us that he had come to help us, not by giving us money but by bringing us to a project called ‘Bosco Children’, and teaching us to make an earning for life. Some of us didn’t pay any attention to what he was saying but some of us were curious. He didn’t say much but he just reminded us that we would have to wait for them at the same

spot twice a week to communicate with them about our feelings and the desire to come to Bosco.

What followed next?

I and a few friends of mine were interested with this idea and we began to wait for the ‘Faranji’, the foreign priest twice a week on the street, at the exact spot where he had told us to wait. We followed it for the following three months and then he invited us to follow the daily program which is called the ‘come and see program’ for about nine months. So after about an year of follow up I became an inmate at the Bosco children in the year 1996 EC.

How did you find yourself at Bosco Children?

Beginning days were certainly not easy. From the care-free life of the street, suddenly to shift myself to the new ambient was a bit tough. But slowly I got used to it. I was slowly getting to know what it means to study which I had never understood. I was becoming happy for all these changes. The fathers also took me to the hospital to have a surgery for my hands. This was also a great opportunity for me. In this way I spent three years in Bosco Children.

How was your life outside Bosco Children?

After I finished my stay in Bosco Children, I came out of the center and rented a house for my further studies. Life outside now was difficult for me, especially because of the financial constraints. ‘Bosco Children’ was supporting me still but that was not enough for all my expenses. So I asked the

fathers if I could do some part time work at the center and earn some money. Again the fathers were so kind enough to oblige to my request. I began to work on the leather production to earn some money. So during this period I began to work in spare time on the leather production and also attend my classes at the university. Though it was difficult, I was determined and I continued.

Sorry, forgot to ask you, what did you study at the university?

After I finished my preparatory school, I joined in Addis Abeba University in the department of Political science and international relations. It was indeed my favorite subject and so I found it rather interesting and easy. After three years of my university I graduated in the subject matter in 2009 EC and now I am working with Bosco Children as a social worker and animator of the boys.

What will be your advice for the young people?

I have only one message for the youth and that is about life. Everyone should know that life is full of challenges but we should never give up, rather we should confront it and fight it out. A smooth sea never makes a good sailor. So too, it is the challenges that keep us moving and alive. As my last word I would like to quote Nelson Mandela: **"EDUCATION IS A GREAT WEAPON; USE IT"**.

Kindalem was a street boy who changed his life after coming to "Bosco Children Mekanissa". He is now a graduate and continues to serve Don Bosco as a social worker.



Pope tops 40 mn followers on Twitter, 5 mn on Instagram



Pope Francis' @Pontifex Twitter accounts reached more than 40 million followers just a few months before the fifth anniversary of when Pope Benedict XVI launched the initiative. The Pope also communicates digitally via Instagram, the social image channel. His account @Franciscus, was approaching 5 million followers since its creation on 19 March, 2015. **ZENIT**

Catholic Population growing to 1.3 Billion



The number of Catholics in the world is increasing: almost 1.3 billion, 17.7 percent of the world's population, reported Agenzia Fides on 20th October 2017. According to figures from the Church's Book of Statistics (data related to 2015) and elaborated by Agenzia Fides, the baptized are 12.5 million more than the previous year (2014). **Zenit**

Five Keys to Catholic Education



Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, proposed five keys for Pastoral Education "to respond in depth to the current challenges of society." The cardinal participated in Chile's Sixth National Congress on Catholic Education on 12-13 Oct, organized by the Chilean Bishops' Conference and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. The Cardinal then proposed five keys for education in Catholic Schools: 1. Proclamation of the Christian Life, 2. The witness of Charity, 3. Ongoing formation of Teachers, 4. Working together with the Church, and 5. Providence as a guide. **CNA**

Pope talks with Space Station Astronauts

Pope Francis conversed with astronauts orbiting earth on the International Space Station on 26 Oct, discussing questions as diverse as man's place in the universe, the fragility of life and the planet, and international cooperation. Pope Francis contacted NASA's International Space Station via a satellite call from the Vatican on 26 October. Aboard the space station



are a total of six astronauts, including three Americans, two Russians and one Italian, who have been orbiting the earth, about 220 miles away. **CNA**

This FacebookBot lets you chat with the Pope

An initiative from the Vatican is inviting people to virtually connect with Pope Francis and learn more about Church Missions and how to support them. MissioBot is an automatic chat system on Facebook Messenger, which helps guide users through a chat experience with words from Pope Francis. Through any computer or smart phone with the Facebook Messenger app, users can learn about mission projects around the world. **CNA.**

Pope approves the heroic virtues of Pope John Paul I



Pope John Paul I has moved a step closer to sainthood with the recognition of his heroic virtues. Pope Francis on 8 November authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree approving his predecessor's heroic virtues which confers on him the title "Venerable". Pope Francis also authorized 7 other decrees along with that of John Paul I- two of them on martyrdom and 5 on heroic virtues. Pope John Paul I whose heroic virtues Pope Francis has approved and declared him 'Venerable Servant of God' had a brief papacy of just 33 days, yet has left an indelible mark on the Catholic Church. **www.en.radiovaticana.va**



1500 of the poor dine with the Pope

For the first "world day of Poor", on 19 November 2017, Pope Francis had lunch with some 1500 destitute people in the Paul VI Hall of the Vatican. In the morning, the Pope celebrated Mass with them in St. Peter's Basilica. Representatives of the poor from all over the world who serve the altar, did the readings, brought forward gifts, and were honored during the celebration. The lunch followed Mass, with tables arranged in the hall: "Welcome Everyone", the Pope said as people arrived. **Zenit.**

Laugh- tonic

With a light heart

Fight between husband and wife (both are MA in English Literature) Instead of resorting to shouting, abusing or physical force, they write poems to each other...

WIFE:

I wrote your name on sand it got washed
I wrote your name in air it was blown away

Then I wrote your name on my heart
and I got heart attack.

HUSBAND

God saw me hungry, he created pizza
He saw me thirsty, he created Pepsi.
He saw me in the dark, he created light
He saw me without problems,
He created YOU.

WIFE

Twinkle twinkle little star
You should know what you are
And once you know what you are
Mental hospital is not so far

HUSBAND

The rain makes all things beautiful
The grass and flowers too
If rain makes all things beautiful
Why doesn't it rain on you?

WIFE

Roses are red; violets are blue
Monkeys like you should be kept in zoo.

HUSBAND

Don't feel so angry you will find me
there too
Not in cage but laughing at you!

At a dinner party, a man claimed that women can never keep a secret. A woman protested.

"Women can keep a secret. I have kept my age a secret since I was 21!"

"Don't worry," the man replied, "you will reveal it one day or the other!"

The woman replied, "If I could keep it as a secret for 27 years I am sure I can keep it forever!"

Patient 1: "Why did you run away from the operation table?"

Patient 2: "The nurse was repeatedly saying "don't get nervous", "don't be afraid", "be strong", "this is a small operation only", and things like that.

Patient 1: "But what's wrong with that?"
Why were you so afraid?"

Patient 2: "She was talking to the surgeon!"



DID YOU KNOW ?



“Why don’t you wear a shirt, Gandhi?”

One day a little boy was greatly distressed to see the way Gandhi was dressed. Such a great man yet he doesn’t even wear a shirt, he wondered. “Why don’t you wear a shirt, Gandhi?” the little boy couldn’t help asking finally. Gandhi replied gently. “I am very poor and I can’t afford a shirt.” The boy’s heart was filled with pity. “My mother sews well”, he Said. “I will ask her to sew a shirt for you.”

“How many shirts can your mother make?” Gandhi asked. “How many do you need”? asked the boy. Gandhi thought for a moment. “But I am not alone, son. It wouldn’t be right for me to be the only one to wear a shirt.” “How many shirts do you need”, the boy persisted. “I will ask my mother to make as many as you want, just tell me how many you need.” “I have very large family, my son. I have 1 billion brothers and sisters,” Gandhi explained. Till every one of them has a shirt, how can I wear one? Tell me, can your mother make shirts for all of them?”

At this question the boy becomes very thoughtful. One billion brothers and sisters! Gandhi was right. Till everyone one of them had a shirt to wear, how could he wear one himself? After all, the whole nation was Gandhi’s family and he was the head of the family. He was their friend, their companion. What use would one shirt be of to him?

SALESIAN WORLD

LOCAL NEWS

Seven new Salesians for Don Bosco Ethiopia



Debrezeit: As per the custom, this year too on 8th September, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception 7 novices professed the vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience, in the presence of a large number of people who included friends, relatives and well-wishers who had come from various parts of the country. The original batch of the novices consisted of 8 young men but it was only 7 who made it to the last point. The newly professed members of the Congregation appeared extremely happy and satisfied and were thankful to God and the Congregation for this great moment in their life. Abba Ignacio, the Novice Master too was more than happy to see the seven newly professed Salesians as they gave their total Yes to the Lord. The Eucharist began at 10 am presided over

by the Provincial, Fr. Estifanos. After the Eucharist celebration, there was a solemn lunch arranged for all the invited guests.

New Priest in the Province



Adigrat: October, the month of Rosary, was begun with a great gift of the Blessed Mother, as a son of the Northern Ethiopia, Dn. Aron was ordained a priest in the Parish of Alitena his native land on 1st of October. Dn. Aron was a student of the Theologicum at Jerusalem for the past four years. He was ordained a deacon in the summer of 2016, and had been greatly longing for this great day in his life. He was ordained along with other two Lazarists who hail from the same parish. The three deacons were ordained by Mons. Tesfaselassie Medhin, the Eparch of the Adigrat Eparchy. Dn. Aron, who had chosen the Biblical Phrase, "You did not Choose me, But I chose you", made it explicable in his Thanksgiving

homily, that the Almighty had directed and guided him in his Vocational journey and that he was extremely grateful to God for the marvelous gift of Priesthood conferred on him

Seminar on Salesian Pedagogy in Mekanissa



Mekanissa: A two day seminar was organized for the teachers and supporting staff of Don Bosco Mekanissa on 12 and 13 of October. The seminar was a long awaited one as plans for it were already in the process many months ago. The seminar was conducted by Abba Samuel Abraha SDB, the director of the Don Bosco School of Soddo, and currently holds the position as the in charge for Youth Centers in Ethiopia. Fr. Samuel has been in this ministry for some time now, well appreciated in the province as he offers in various schools and parishes seminars and workshops on similar topics. In his seminar Fr. Samuel touched upon the key topics of Salesian Pedagogy and Preventive System insisting with the teachers that Don Bosco's preventive system was not only pedagogy but also a spirituality to be followed by the students as well as the teachers. The teachers expressed their appreciation by

requesting such workshops more often in the school.

Platinum Jubilee of MSMHC Sisters at Meki



Meki: "The Almighty has done great things for us! Holy is His name". These were the sentiments of everyone present at the Platinum jubilee of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, commonly known as the 'Ferrando Sisters'. The function held on 21 October, was participated by a large crowd of people who came from near and far to felicitate the sisters on the occasion of their jubilee. The presence of the two bishops, Bp. Roberto of Hawassa and Bp. Abraham of Meki was indeed a sign of their appreciation and love towards this young congregation that has made its entry into the country less than five years ago. The function began at 8 am with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by the Bishop of the Vicariate Mons. Abraham. In his homily, he mentioned at length the history of the Congregation and its wide-spread growth all over the Indian Sub-continent and even abroad. The presence of the congregation in Ethiopia is certainly making a great wave as the sisters have already begun another

house in Arsinegalli, which is the second convent in the Vicariate.

Tackling the Youth Problems in Ethiopia; Seminar in Addis Abeba

Addis Abeba: The law of the lever says



that if an appropriate fulcrum is found, then a small force is sufficient to lift a very heavy object - so heavy that it would be impossible to lift without the lever. The seven levers of effective prevention focus on tackling the youth problems especially in the context of the European youth. The study however provides an effective tool for making a similar survey in the context of Africa and more so in Ethiopia. The study was carried out by Mr. Szymon Grzelak, an expert on the topic from Poland. The forum for the intervention was created at the Salesianum as there was the meeting of the Youth Center directors and Vocation Promoters of AET scheduled for 24 October. As a meeting was already foreseen with the Executive Committee of CMRS, they too joined the seminar. Several effective steps were presented by the expert and the audience too intervened with many questions of clarification and deepening the topic. A survey and study on the youth

situation in Ethiopia is underway taken up by the CMRS. The guidebook that the experts have presented will definitely serve as a reference material for the research.

TVET Directors heading for Unified Strategy, Meeting Concludes in Addis Abeba

Addis Abeba: on 15 and 16 November was held in the Salesianum, Addis Abeba



the meeting of the TVET Directors of Salesian Technical colleges in Ethiopia. The meeting saw the active participation of all the representatives from the 6 Technical schools in Ethiopia, which included Adwa, Mekelle, Dilla, Gambella, Bosco Children and Mekanissa. The meeting was held in the absence of Abba Lijo Vadakken, the in charge of Youth Ministry. But in his absence, the new coordinator Mr. Alemseged took over and guided the meeting to a beautiful result. The first day of the meeting dealt with the pre-planned agenda which had several topics in discussion like the need of unified strategy for TVET programs on the province level, improving the quality of TVET programs in our centers, common guidelines for our centers like the Manual etc, sharing of the best practices from the centers, strengthening the cooperation

with stakeholders etc. On the second day, 16 November was dedicated for the visit of SelamChildrens' Village, an institution that has been repeatedly applauded for their success in the TVET sector. The visit was very much appreciated by all the participants as it was also an opportunity to meet and discuss with the various stakeholders and re-establish our bond of relationship with them.

National Conference on "Stop Human Trafficking" in Addis Abeba

Addis Abeba: A National Conference



on the topic of "STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING" was organised by the PDO at the Salesianum in Addis Abeba on 13 December 2017. The conference was conducted with all the stakeholders working in this area of Human Trafficking like the Ethiopian Catholic Church, VIDES, ConferenzaEpiscopaleItaliana (CEI). The project entitled "Humans, not slaves" was entirely sponsored by the Italian Bishops' Conference. The Salesian province of AET had been actively present in the campaign against the human trafficking for the past two years.

The main objective of the Conference was to make a final evaluation

of the campaign that was launched two years ago in collaboration with four major dioceses in Ethiopia, namely the Diocese of Addis Ababa, Diocese of Meki, Diocese of Adigrat and Diocese of Gambella. The project now had reached its second phase, which had its first stage, focused fully on the awareness campaign and the second stage which saw the awareness creation and the need assessment. The Conference was moderated and brought ahead by Dr. Antonio Raimondi the consultant and Ms. MeazaTefagiorgis who was the general coordinator of the project.

Despite the high risk of irregular migration, people, especially the youth are still irregularly migrating, where many of them end up in the hands of human traffickers. These people still choose to migrate and risk death rather than stay at home and try to look the opportunities that they have in their own country. Salesians of Don Bosco in addition to showing the dangers and consequences of irregular migration and human trafficking has been also sensitizing the target groups, in a way which is possible to help them to bring behavioral changes on their work habits in their own country. The Cardinal BrehaneYesusSurafiel, Bishop Abraham Desta, Mons HrvojeSkrlec, the secretary to the the Apostolic Nuncio to Ethiopia, Don Leonardo di Mauro (CEI), Dr. BeppeMagri etc. were present at the national conference.

Excitement

It was always clear for us that we wanted to spend a year abroad after our final exams. We'd liked to do something which would have an impact on our lives and so we decided to do a volunteer service. After we had chosen our organisation we started our preparation with great motivation. During this period of time we were full of excitement and we couldn't wait for this year to begin. Now, even after four months we are still looking forward to what each new day might bring.

Together

"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality." - John Lennon

To cherish every moment, it is better to live them together. It offers you much space for joy, for bravery and support. During the last four months a deep friendship has developed among ourselves, which calls us to be always there for each other, to laugh together and to share our daily life. We realize that together we can reach more than on our own. This is what we notice every day in many aspects of our life and that enriches this year for us in a very special way.

Home

Don Bosco Mekanissa is for us a home and home is a place where one



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**Anna Schriefl &
Maria Fischeneder**

is always happy to come back to, to recharge one's energy, to feel safe and welcomed. Leaving your family, your friends and your familiar life behind for one year is a big step. After waiting a long time for this year to begin with mixed feelings, it felt unreal but also wonderful to step out of the plane and finally arrive in this new part of our life. Of course you worry if this will be the right thing for you and if you will be happy there. But with the warm Welcome in the Salesian Community of Mekanissa we felt immediately at home. It didn't take long before the community became a second family for us. We couldn't imagine a better than Don Bosco Mekanissa to call home for this year.

Injera

A new country opens up the opportunity to taste a new cuisine. Little things like trying new food enriches your life. We fell in love with injera, thibs, Alicia, etc, but the spicy food might take a little more time to get used to.

Open minded

The most important quality for a volunteer is to be open-minded. You are experiencing something entirely new, not only the country, but also the different culture, traditions, gestures and customs. The main focus shouldn't be on the differences between us but merely on what you can learn from



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the other. Each and every day you will encounter new challenges for which you should be ready with an open mind and heart.

Play

The most important thing in our volunteer year is the kids. When we play with them we become children again and it fills us with great joy. The carefree laughter of the children gives us motivation and it certainly touches us.

Influence

Being a teacher means to exert a positive influence on your students. After our four months we can see small evidences of it. Not only in the role as a teacher but also as a playmate or a “big sister”. But in return we learn just as much from the kids. This whole year will influence our entire future.

Amhharic

Coming to Ethiopia meant to face the challenge of learning a new language. In our first lesson it became obvious for us that this will be a learning process we will never truly finish this year. We are trying hard to get the better of it and we are happy every time we use a new vocabulary in our conversation.

Anna and Maria are two Austrian volunteers who have come for one year service to Don Bosco Mekanissa.

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Senior Secondary School



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