



"The glory of God and the salvation of souls"

Salesian spirituality has charity at its core. In this case we speak of "pastoral charity", the charity that urges us to seek "the glory of God and the salvation of souls": "caritas Christi urget nos".

"Salesian charity is pastoral charity because it seeks the salvation of souls, and it is an educative charity because it finds a resource in education that allows it to help young people to develop all their energies for good; in this way young people can grow up to be upright citizens, good Christians and future inhabitants of heaven."

Salesian pastoral action consists in accompanying young people as they try to discover their plan of life and their vocation.

It deals with a spirituality that opens the road to holiness in the height of Christian life, an Easter spirituality that makes us rediscover and appreciate the value of joy as the most evident expression of Jesus' love on the face of those who have met Him.

IN THE STEPS OF DON BOSCO

Welcoming the 10th Successor of Don Bosco



Speaking in Spanish, Fr. Angel our new Rector Major said with an emotional heart: "I abandon myself to the Lord. We ask Don Bosco and Mary Help of Christians to accompany us and to accompany me, with my Salesian brothers and with the Congregation, and I accept with faith."

Fr. Angel was born on August 21, 1960, at Gozon-Luanco, Spain; he made his first profession on September 3, 1978 and was ordained on July 4, 1987. Originally from Leon province, he has been youth ministry delegate, director of the school at Ourense, member of the provincial council and vice provincial, and, from 2000 to 2006, provincial of Leon. In 2009, he was appointed Salesian provincial for southern Argentina, a post he held until his election as Rector Major. It was in this capacity that he came to know, and worked with, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, our present Pope Francis.

FAITH A WAY OF LIFE



Cuidad, Jaurez, MEXICO

Our own Salesian Volunteer, from Montreal, in Mexico, Caterina Florio, belongs to La Brigada de la Alegria Project that comes in response to numerous problems in Ciudad Juarez. Many children and young people are and have been victims of family violence, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, gangs, and other issues arising from these. This work addresses these conflicts and helps children and their families to have alternatives for a better quality of life, to play games and coexist as an educational tool for preventive health. The children play games that encourage social fabric and are accompanied by educational interventions and its relationship to the oratorios, find alternatives for their integral growth in the multiple-activities and programs for them and through them and their families.

This project benefits from the availability and willingness of having full-time missionary volunteers and consecrated Salesians. La Brigada serves 60 to 80 children daily. These volunteers turn to the streets and slums of these neighborhoods sharing warm genuine smiles and living spaces, promoting human and Christian development between adults and children in an atmosphere of brotherhood and joy in the style of Don Bosco.

A HELPING HAND IN TIMES OF TROUBLE



Yanomami, Alto Orinoco, VENEZUELA

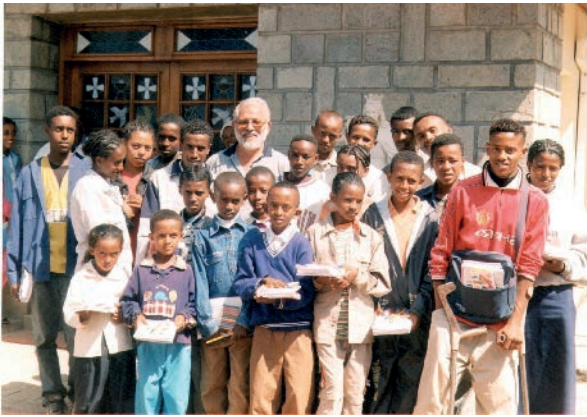
The missions in Venezuela, standing by the Yanomami people, as far as possible, have acted to help transport the sick and look after them; they've provided vehicles, boats, fuel and available medicine. They provide and promote reflections, information and seek effective solutions.



Port-au-Prince, HAITI

Important results have been achieved since the devastating earthquake in 2010. The Little Schools of Fr. Bohnen, S.D.B. are back in operation, offering education and nutritious meals to more than 21,000 children every day.

**KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE AND LOVING
THY NEIGHBOUR**



Addis Abeba, ETIOPIA

Br. Cesare Bullo has dedicated his time ministering to the most vulnerable, with enthusiasm and commitment that is characteristic of the Salesian Missionary Vocation. “Often we lack materials but still, we continue working thanks to the moral support we receive and the divine motivation that guides our daily activity, expecting the heavenly reward for our untiring humanitarian labour supported by prayer and sacrifices of our generous benefactors far and near”. Br. Cesare Bullo, SDB



A TIME TO PLAY



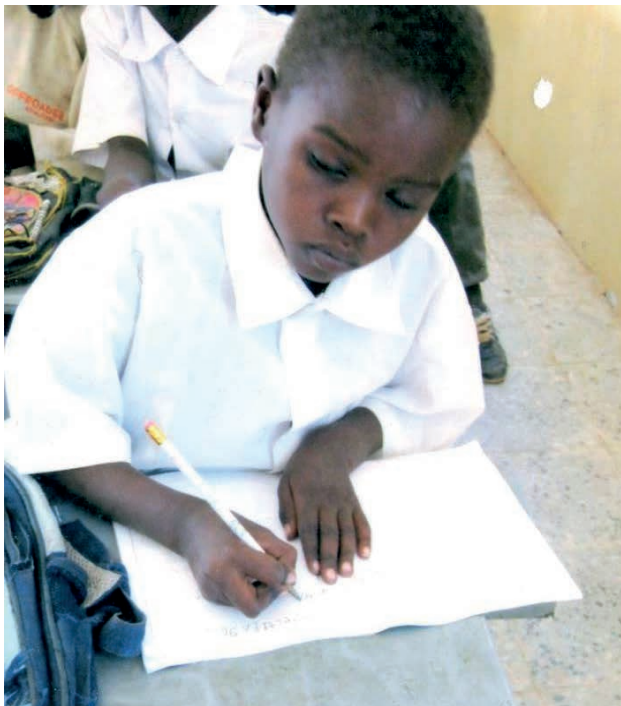
Don Bosco Holiday Camp (NIGERIA)

Funds arrived just in time to help out with summer camp in the Salesian centre in Nigeria. Thanks to you, some items were bought to help the Salesian volunteers from Krakow prepare. Three countries are coming together to serve and assist, the Canadian Don Bosco Mission Office, our Polish volunteers and the Salesians of Don Bosco in Nigeria. The impression left among the youth is always valuable, unique and educative: a clear example of generosity which will never be forgotten.



Ibadan NIGERIA

A TIME TO STUDY



Sudan, Africa

“Dear benefactors, thank you for helping our boys, especially those who have been injured or maimed during the recent riots here in Sudan. Primary schools and agriculture are the first objectives of our missionary work because, notwithstanding the interest of big companies, the people of Africa become poorer and poorer. We need many prayers to keep going in the right direction. I repeat my thanks.”

Father Vincenzo Donati, SDB

(Father Vincenzo is 86 years old)

A TIME TO EAT



*Fr. Edwin D'Souza, SDB distributes fruits & biscuits to the poor children.
Matunga, MUMBAI*

A GIFT FOR THE FUTURE



Remembering Don Bosco Mission Office in your will is a special act of generosity. Our donors' generosity at their time of death has helped our Salesian Missions to persevere and bring aid to young people who are less fortunate.

The gift of your bequest will help our Salesian missionaries to keep changing lives to save lives.



On behalf of the Don Bosco Mission Office, thank you for your continued support over the years. For over 45 years your generous contributions have been making a difference.

Father Luc P. Lantagne, SDB

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