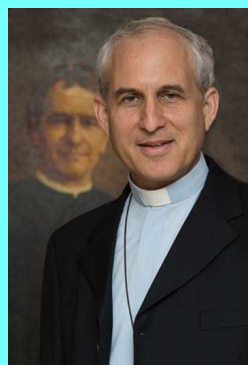


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1 47^a missionary expedition!

Let us all join together as a family in a beautiful missionary Magnificat: the Lord has done wonders!

As it happens every year, first of all, the numbers speak. From the first expedition sent by Don Bosco himself from Valdocco, there has been 147 send off, involving a total of more than 11,000 SDB. This year there are 19 members confreres of this expedition. The oldest is 44 years and youngest, 23; their average age is 29. There are 14 practical trainees, all clerics; there are 2 perpetually professed lay brothers; 3 Priests, one is just ordained. The distribution by continent is: Africa sends 6 and receives 4; America sends 3 and receives 5; Asia sends 8 and receives 3; Europe sends 2 and receives 5; and Oceania receives 2.

As we see, mission *ad gentes* continues in all directions. Each province must feel the duty to give and to receive. The Provinces poorest in vocations should not hesitate to give out of their poverty. Provinces with abundant vocations should continue to prepare the ground also to receive missionaries and strengthen in the Province the prophecy of universal fraternity. Thank you!!



Fr. Guillermo Basañes SDB
Councillor for the Missions

DO NOT BE AFRAID! BE MISSIONARIES!

“... Missionaries always proclaim a message of salvation to everyone; not only those missionaries who go afar, but we too, [are] Christian missionaries who express a good word of salvation. This is the gift that Jesus gives us with the Holy Spirit. ...

With what spirit must disciples of Jesus carry out this mission? First of all they must be aware of the difficult and sometimes hostile reality that awaits them. Jesus minces no words about this! Jesus says: “I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves” (v. 3). This is very clear. Hostility is always at the beginning of persecutions of Christians; because Jesus knows that the mission is blocked by the work of evil. For this reason, the laborer of the Gospel will strive to be free from every kind of human conditioning, carrying neither purse nor bag nor sandals (cf. v. 4), as Jesus counseled, so as to rely solely in the power of the Cross of Jesus Christ. This means abandoning every motive of personal advantage, careerism or hunger for power, and humbly making ourselves instruments of the salvation carried out by Jesus’ sacrifice.

“... There is a great need for Christians who joyfully witness to the Gospel in everyday life. The disciples, sent out by Jesus, “returned with joy” (v. 17). When we do this, our heart fills with joy. This expression makes me think of how much the Church rejoices. She revels when her children receive the Good News thanks to the dedication of so many men and women who daily proclaim the Gospel: priests – those brave parish priests whom we all know –, nuns, consecrated women, missionary men and women.... I ask myself – listen to the question –: how many of you young people who are now present today in the Square, hear the Lord’s call to follow him? Fear not! Be courageous and bring to others this guiding light of apostolic zeal that these exemplary disciples have given to us.

“Let us pray to the Lord, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, that the Church may never lack generous hearts that work to bring everyone the love and kindness of our heavenly Father.”



Pope Francis
Angelus, 3 July 2016

Members of the 147th Missionary Expedition

| | Name | Province Of origin | Destination |
|-----|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | P. <i>Fidélius Marie</i> ADJANOHOUN | AFO | Peru (PER) |
| 2. | L. <i>José Maria</i> CASTILLO VERGARA | FIN | Brazil (BMA) |
| 3. | S. <i>Nicholas</i> CHIBUEZE | AFW | Taiwan (CIN) |
| 4. | S. <i>Paulraj</i> CHINNAPPAN | INM | Paraguay (PAR) |
| 5. | P. <i>Gabriel</i> CRUZ | MEM | Pakistan (FIS) |
| 6. | S. <i>José Wilker</i> FRANÇA DA SILVA | BRE | Bulgaria (CEP) |
| 7. | S. <i>Cirilo Patricio</i> DE DEUS | ITM | Belgium (BEN) |
| 8. | S. <i>Julião</i> DOS SANTOS | ITM | Papua New Guinea (PGS) |
| 9. | P. <i>Stawomir</i> DRAPIEWSKI | PLO | Brazil (BMA) |
| 10. | S. <i>Emmanuel</i> ILODIGWE | AFW | Hungary (UNG) |
| 11. | S. <i>Ilunga Martin Pacifique</i> KALWIBA | AFC | Tunisia (ISI) |
| 12. | S. <i>Jean-Paul</i> MUTOMBO | AFC | Bulgaria (CEP) |
| 13. | S. <i>Harinala Hugue Romel</i> RANDRIAMALA-LATIANA | MDG | Paraguay (PAR) |
| 14. | S. <i>Augusto</i> RODRIGUES DE SOUZA | BMA | Mozambique (MOZ) |
| 15. | S. <i>Vincent Vinh Hien</i> TRAN | VIE | <i>Project Europe</i> |
| 16. | S. <i>Joseph Phuc Huu</i> DANG | VIE | <i>Nigeria</i> (AFW) |
| 17. | S. <i>Paul Ky Quan Dai</i> TRAN | VIE | <i>Nigeria</i> (AFW) |
| 18. | L. <i>Reto</i> WANNER | GER | Papua New Guinea (PGS) |

Witness of Salesian Missionary Sanctity

Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni SDB, Postulator General for the Causes of Saints



The Servant of God Fr. Carlo Braga (1889-1971), missionary in China and the Philippines, wrote to a lady in 1964,: “I should have the holiness necessary to represent the mercy, goodness, magnanimity of the Divine Saviour: I ought to sacrifice myself until death for the creatures that he has placed in my hands! I understand that the blood and the complete sacrifice of ourselves is necessary in order to save, redeem, build, reconstruct! I would like to ask you to help me in this ministry with special help to make redemption and the holy Blood of Jesus fruitful! I myself am not enough, I am a drop in a remote and isolated ocean; I must feel supported by heroic and generous souls.!”



Salesian Missionary Intention

That the 147th Salesian Missionary Expedition may foster the missionary spirit and vocational enthusiasm throughout the Salesian Society.

In the history of our Society missionary expeditions ‘ad gentes’, ‘ad exteros’ and ‘ad vitam’ were concrete expressions of this essential dimension of the charism of Don Bosco. We pray that this missionary expedition may stir up apostolic zeal and the joy of evangelisation among Salesians, and may give birth to new Salesian vocations.

