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Memorial of Blessed Laura Vicuña, Adolescent

A CLARIFICATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Salesian Family,

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Ten days ago, on 12 January, 2015, I wrote you a letter, announcing the good news of the Plenary Indulgences granted by Pope Francis to all the faithful on the occasion of the Bicentenary of St. John Bosco's birth.

In that letter I took for granted something that perhaps needs to be spelled out clearly. It is this:

Liturgically, 31 January is the "obligatory memorial" of St. John Bosco. So, in principle, all over the world all Catholic churches that have a daily Mass will celebrate the Mass of the liturgical memorial of St. John Bosco (unless, of course, they have some special reason not to do so). This daily Mass of the memorial of St. John Bosco is more than sufficient fulfilment of this condition for the Plenary Indulgence: "taking part in a sacred function celebrated in honour of St. John Bosco on January 31, 2015". Naturally, to obtain the Plenary Indulgence also the other conditions must be fulfilled.

Consequently, needless to say, like all other churches all over the world, our churches in Hong Kong like St. Anthony's Church (69B Pokfulam Road, H.K), Holy Spirit Mass Centre (27 Man Fuk Road, Homantin, Kowloon), Ling To Mass Centre (inside Ling To Primary School, Homantin, Kowloon), Our Lady of Assumption Salesian Mass Centre (inside Salesian School, Chai Wan Road, H.K), our churches in Macau like St. Louis Chapel (inside Yuet Wah College), our churches in Taiwan like Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel (Chaochou Boystown), if on 31 January they celebrate the Mass of St. John Bosco, the participants can obtain the Plenary Indulgence. Perhaps special to our churches listed above is this. If they transfer the solemn celebration of the Solemnity of St. John Bosco to 01 February (Sunday), the participants, according to the norms issued by the Holy See, also on this day they can obtain the Plenary Indulgence.

Happy memorial of Blessed Laura Vicuña! Happy beginning of the Novena of St. John Bosco! Happy continuation of the monthly Novena of Mary Help of Christians!

In Jesus Mary Joseph DonBosco, I am,

Yours affectionately,

Fr. Lanfranco M. Fedrigotti,
Provincial