

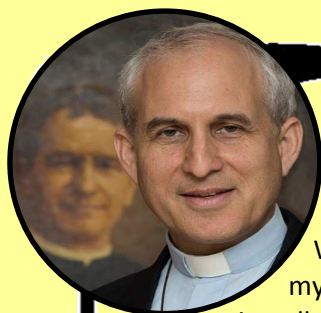
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Synergy between Youth Ministry and Missionary Animation



We are called at this time to a deep study of the path given to us at GC27: mystics, prophets and servants. In keeping with recent General Chapters, and in collaboration with the Regional Councillors, we want to strengthen the synergy between Youth Ministry and Missionary Animation, especially in the area of missionary volunteer service.

During the regional meetings of Youth Ministry and Mission Animation we will share a moment of personal and community prayer, and we will devote a whole day to

- ♦ reflecting on the experience of collaboration in the Provinces ,
- ♦ listening to current experiences ,
- ♦ drawing up together some lines of collaboration for the future .

We avail of this opportunity also to share with you the dates and venues of the next regional meetings:

For the Region of Africa and Madagascar:	Sept. 16-19 - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
For the Region of Interamerica and South Cone:	Oct. 17-20, 2015 - Cumbaya, Ecuador
For the Region of South Asia:	Nov. 2-5, 2015 - Bangaluru, India
For the Region of East Asia - Oceania:	Nov.10-13, 2015 - Seoul, South Korea
For the Region of the Mediterranean:	Feb. 2-5, 2016 - S. de Compostela, Spain
For the Region of Europe Centre-North:	Feb. 9-12, 2016 - Rome

The regional meetings are a particular moment in our life that we wish to entrust to the action of the Holy Spirit. We hope that he may lead us to discover the paths which will take us to the mission with a heart filled with the joy that comes from the Lord.

May God bless us !

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Witness of Salesian Missionary Sanctity

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



In a letter to the Rector Major Fr. Peter Ricaldone, in 1938, the Servant of God Fr. Francis Convertini (1898-1976), missionary in India, described his work as evangelizer: *"I have proclaimed to them Jesus. Jesus the saviour. The merciful Jesus. I spoke to them about the cross, I showed them a picture of Jesus crucified. My voice was quivering, they were weeping. How much joy, how much emotion was in my heart"*.

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My country needs missionaries, but I learnt that mission has no borders! There are two elements in my desire to be a missionary. The first is that I think my missionary vocation was formed in my heart and in my mind long before I was aware of events of my life. My mother belongs to the Legion of Mary, and I remember that before learning the catechism, she took me to give food to the hungry, comfort and hope to those who were sick. Gradually I began to understand that to be a Christian means to leave the house, to go out to meet and share with others, even the little we had.

The second is that during my childhood and my youth I had the grace to know many missionaries who profoundly marked me with their example of life, up to the point of wanting to imitate them: Spanish, Italian, Polish, Irish, Egyptians, Colombians, Argentinians, etc. who were plumbers, teachers, cooks, psychologists, mechanics, nurses, musicians. But above all, they were men and women who love Jesus and others, they have left everything to serve. They have left their homeland and came to help, to live with us, to

mourn and laugh, sing and pray, to walk and grow. Through their lives they shared with us a great news, the news of Jesus. Through them I had my missionary vocation, I want to imitate their lives, their good works, their sacrifices, dedication and perseverance. I always want to love as they have loved.

Africa is a mysterious land where pain and sadness are always at our doors. Many young people have been pushed into a life of survival, disease, injustice, danger, death. In the midst of this reality my greatest joy has been to discover the loving and merciful action of God; and realise that the more I try to evangelise, it is I who is actually evangelised even more!

Certainly, many ask: "Venezuela needs also missionaries, why go to Africa?" This is a difficult question. Surely Venezuela, the land that I love, needs missionaries; but gradually I learnt that life is our mission and that mission has no borders. That our life is based on the call of Christ who sends us. How much joy I experienced in serving my people, but I felt that the Lord was asking me to go to the furthest corner, so that those who do not know Him yet may encounter Him.

To Salesians who want to be missionaries, especially those of South America I want to say: let us be attentive to the Lord's missionary call *ad gentes* and let us allow ourselves be led by His Spirit! Let us not forget that our father Don Bosco always dreamt of being a missionary. You can fulfil the dream of Don Bosco, remember that there are many who are waiting for you !



Fr. Ubaldino Andrade
venezuelan, missionary in Sierra Leone

COURSE FOR NEW MISSIONARIES OF THE 146th MISSIONARY EXPEDITION

The Orientation Course for 23 new missionaries of the 146th Salesian Missionary Expedition began on 2 September. The final act of the course, and its climax, will be in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco on Sunday 27 September with the giving of the missionary cross by the Vicar of the Rector Major, Fr. Francesco Cereda.

The course is designed as part of the immediate preparation of new missionaries before their departure, to provide them with the help they need to get into a new culture, to be part of a new people and to develop personal attitudes of openness, respect and trust towards others, so that their presence may be effective, humble and discreet.

Following the pattern already well established over the years, the course consists of two phases: the first in Rome at the Generalate, and the second in places of Salesian interest in Piedmont. There are three core modules - cultural anthropology, missionary and Salesian studies. It is intended primarily as an educational experience (to foster values and attitudes needed in a missionary) not information (acquiring new knowledge or ideas). It tries to help the new missionary to check, investigate and, sometimes, to discover the profound reasons for his going on mission. Great importance is given, then, to personal reflection and prayer, the sharing of experiences and listening to testimonies.

Let us accompany our 23 new missionaries of the 146th missionary expedition with our prayers!



Salesian Missionary Intention

For the 146th Missionary Expedition

That the 146th Salesian missionary expedition promote the missionary spirit and enthusiasm for one's vocation throughout the Salesian Society.

In the history of our Society missionary expeditions 'ad gentes' and 'ad externos' have always stirred up in young Salesians and joy of evangelisation and enthusiasm for the Salesian vocation. While we pray that Salesian missionaries may be coherent witnesses to the faith they proclaim, we ask the Lord that this concrete expression of the missionary spirit of Don Bosco may stir up the apostolic zeal of Salesians and inspire new Salesian vocations.

