Dear Salesian Sisters and Brothers,

I am presently at St. John Bosco High School making the official visitation of the community here in Bellflower. I started on Tuesday, January 10th and will end the visitation on Thursday, January 19th. In between the visit I will fly to San Francisco and back (Tuesday-Wednesday) for a Finance Advisory Committee meeting.

My visit here at St. John Bosco, as in all our communities, has been enjoyable. I have had the opportunity to visit with almost all of my brothers in community. There are 12 Brothers and Priests living here plus, Mr. Dale Twedell, a home care specialist. There is also a volunteer, Dany Benitez who lives with the community and helps out in the School and Saint Dominic Savio Parish. This coming week, a brother from Colombia, will be joining the community. Br. Fabian Cardenas has finished his Theological studies and spent some time at Don Bosco Hall, Berkeley last year. Br. Fabian will join the St. John Bosco community and help out at the school and parish. He is in process of being ordained a priest for our province sometime in the near future. We wish to Welcome Fabian to our Province!

As always, I am grateful for the work and dedication of the Salesians here in Bellflower. We must continue to work alongside our lay collaborators who also give so much to our mission. St. John Bosco High School is a wonderful school with so many gifted people on the staff. The kids are very friendly, the grounds spacious and beautiful and the possibilities are great. Although, I have not finished my visitation, I do wish to take this opportunity to once again thank the lay staff of St. John Bosco High School for their dedication and love for the young people and the Salesian Charism. My visitation this time around focuses more on the SDB community and the High School. I will make a special visit to the parish (Savio) in early March. Tomorrow, Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Northern and Southern communities will gather in their respective regions for our Quarterly Day of Recollection. Fr. Nick Reina

Please pray for our sick:

Doris Roche
(Mother of Fr. John Roche who is in a critical condition)

Connie Boenzi
(Mother of Fr. Joseph Boenzi)

Br. Bruno de Pretto, SDB
Fr. Mario Rosso, SDB
Fr. Armand Oliveri, SDB
Fr. Arthur Lenti, SDB

Rest in Peace:

Maria Mau Thi Vu
Grandmother of novice Quang Nguyen
December 28. Age 92

Sr. Refugio Gallardo, FMA
RIP on December 24, 2016

Salvatore Billante
May 6, 1939 - Dec. 4, 2016
Salvatore was a Salesian 1964 - 1993
and Br. Al Vu will lead the day of prayer (one in the South and one in the North). The theme will focus on the Strenna: “WE ARE FAMILY! Every home, a school of life and love,” and on Pope Francis’s Amoris Laetitia, which focuses on Marriage and Family. The Rector Major, Fr. Ángel Fernández Artíme has recently sent out the commentary on the strenna for this year. The English translation can be accessed through the internet. The actual document in English, as found in the Acts of the General Council, should arrive in a few weeks. I encourage all of the Salesian Family to take up the challenge that the Rector Major makes to us in his commentary, “I now invite all of you to read carefully and calmly, with a heart open to dialogue and personal involvement, what the apostolic exhortation Amoris Laetitia (AL) is saying to us, in order to discover what the document is offering to us and requesting from us. Anyone who is a believer and loves the Church will realize that this apostolic exhortation is indeed a service to the human race and a true spiritual and pastoral treasure. It is from our awareness of being the “Salesian Family” that we want to become involved.” Fr. Ángel proceeds in his commentary to give us a summary of the apostolic exhortation, followed by a Salesian perspective on the topic of family as Don Bosco saw and lived it and how we Salesians are called to minister to families in our works. I encourage all of us to “read carefully and calmly, with a heart open to dialogue and personal involvement” this thought provoking document. We will have this year to reflect and study the meaning of our new strenna. And, hopefully, internalizing its message we will live it.

Today, Sunday, January 15th, the Salesian world is asked to begin a novena to Mary Help of Christians for the release of Fr. Thomas Uzunbalil, who was abducted 10 months ago and is being held by Islamic Fundamentalists in Yemen. Please join us in this novena which goes until January 23, the eve of the 24th, the date each month which we Sale-
sians keep as a day to commemorate and remember Mary under the title, Mary Help of Christians. Please pray for Fr. Thomas’ release and safety.

This week we begin the “Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.” As we live the events of the next few days (weeks), Remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and what his life and the movement he initiated meant and means to us as we pray for an end to all racial discrimination, the Inauguration of a new President and the commemoration of Roe vs. Wade and a day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, we pray for unity in our world, Church, Country, homes and hearts. Unity is such an attractive quality in any institution and group. Don Bosco wanted his Salesians to be united. He lamented when either through criticism, lack of dialogue, misunderstandings or just not caring, Salesian communities and/or their ministries were fragmented, divided and uncaring for each other.

The week for Christian Unity ends on the eve of the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, our patron and patron of Church unity. Through his kindness and patience he was able to win over whole regions of people for the Church. As we continue to remember and celebrate our January Salesian Saints: Louis Variara, Laura Vicuna, Francis of Sales, Bronislaus Markiewicz and Don Bosco, let us pray for this gift of unity in our communities. May the inspiration and lives of so many before us and God’s Grace, move us to become saints, men and women of courage and fidelity to the Gospel.

With warm regards,

Fr. Ted Montemayor, SDB
Since the novitiate started I never thought I would visit San Luis Rey in Laredo, Texas. Around October I heard from Fr. Tom “we are going to Laredo in December” after hearing that I did not know what to say but I was surprised. We spent a week in Laredo December 13 – 19 to visit the Salesian Family, to see the work of our Salesian brothers and sisters in the parish and schools, and along with the celebration of the Fr. Tom’s 50th Ordination and 60th Profession Anniversaries.

Prior the arrival to Laredo, on the flight to Texas in the early morning, I felt nervous and excited. After three years living with the Salesians, I have heard a lot of people talking about the ministries in the parish and the sisters’ schools. Last week I encountered the ministries they do in real life. When we arrived to San Luis Rey Parish, the staffs in the office welcomed us full of happiness, smiles, and laughs and many parishioners welcomed us throughout the week. I immediately felt the Salesian Family spirit from these people because this is a Salesian parish.

We visited Mary Help of Christians School in Laredo, St. John Bsoco School and the FMA Provincial house in San Antonio. Visiting the schools helped me to see the Salesian work outside of California especially in Texas. While being there, I felt the Salesian spirit because the young people, the faculties and the sisters welcomed us and introduced us to the student body. Meanwhile, I also spent time eating lunch and playing basketball with the students during breaks. At both schools, we were very lucky that we had a chance to watch the rehearsals the Christmas plays from each school. I believe these young people are very talented. I was moved while I was talking to them during lunch and break because they asked me “Quang, how long are you going to stay here?” “Why don’t you teach here?” Wow, the Salesian family spirit from our young people!

After visiting the schools, we also joined the parish to celebrate Posada and Fr. Tom’s anniversary. The parish put everything together very well and everyone was happy and enjoyed their time. This is my first time I fully participated the Posada reflection night with the parish.
I believe this helps, remind us of Mary and Joseph was trying to find a place for Mary to give birth to Jesus in Bethlehem but all of the hotels were full. Afterwards everyone moved to the parish hall to celebrate Christmas with each other with tons of food while children were hitting the piñatas outside. On Friday evening, the parish also gathered again at San Luis Rey to celebrate Fr. Tom’s anniversary that they indeed loved and still miss him since he served at this parish for thirteen years. It was a beautiful evening with Eucharistic celebration followed by reception with music and so on.

While having celebrations, we also spent one day of reflection with the help of one parishioner. We spent a day of reflecting on prayers and learning the methods of prayers. I feel grateful for having this workshop because it helps me to realize the importance of our prayer life. Along with that, I also captured many methods of prayers and will put these into my experience. I highly believe this workshop was very helpful for my own prayer life. The generosity of the parish community struck me instantly. The family oriented and the dynamic of community reminded me of my own culture. Now I see the Hispanic and Asian cultures are very similar because both are based on familial spirit. I have learned a lot from visiting the Salesian Family in Texas through the schools and the ministries from the parish. One of the ministries that touched me, the parishioners donates food, clothing and accessories. The parish helps to deliver them to the deported people from across the U.S. and Mexican Border, which lies only a couple miles away from the Church. After being in Laredo, I have started to learn how to appreciate the cultures, especially the Mexican culture.

Novice Quang Nguyen
Aging in the Fullness of Time

By Sister Ann Lyons, FSSJ

I believe that the credibility of the life and ideals of Francis of Assisi arises out of the connections made when people are free to engage in mutual exchange about their most passionate experiences of the holy. As Francis-cans, we find meaning in the stories of Francis and Clare of Assisi, and these become our own stories. We are called to co-author our tradition and co-create our future. We are called to be faithful to the truth we experience.

Each of us who has taken this path has to bring a whole life that starts at a point in time and includes all the people of one’s life, all the happiness, all the cherished moments, all the sorrow as well as all the trials. Our lives advance step by step and are a story of an inner and outer journey. Aging in the fullness of time suggests taking a thoughtful look at how we live. It involves a readiness to allow the events of our lives, the message of the Gospel, as well as the example of Francis and Clare to transform our lives. This living requires discipline that keeps us focused on what is happening now. It is reverencing the present moment as full, rich, and pregnant. Living in the fullness of time has to do with our everyday living.

The Incarnation is the theological bedrock upon which to build this understanding of time. Jesus is our perfect example of living in the fullness of

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time precisely in his humanness. He lived, loved, prayed, hoped, celebrated, suffered and died. He is the sacred personification of everyday life that binds us to one another and to God. For Franciscans, the Incarnation continues to happen in our own time as we give birth to Christ in our world.

As we age, our challenge is to make an evaluation of our lives as meaningful. For years, we have been associated with our ministry. Aging is bringing about a change in our social identity. We can expect some feeling of loss in the separation from a familiar role and a sense of self-worth. We are no longer what we used to be. Our lives are no longer so much about doing but about being. It is about “letting it be done unto me” (Lk 1:38). At this time in our lives, we are afforded the opportunity to make the four fundamental Gospel values of conversion, contemplation, humility and poverty—which are so important to Franciscans—a lived reality.

CONVERSION

Franciscan spirituality is the life process of applying to ourselves Francis’ way of encountering and experiencing God. For Francis, God is known eminently in Christ, the Christ of the Gospels who announces repentance and peace for all. The Gospel Way for Francis was total investment of self, the total handing over of self to God, and the total commitment of self to God’s purpose—a continuous conversion.

Ilia Delio states, “Conversion is a way of becoming more authentically human—through an interior attitude of ‘turning’ from a selfish self toward a God-centered self, from self-preoccupation toward the other as the basis of self.” Aging calls us to a conversion that moves us from tolerating to embracing and, finally, to welcoming “Sister Change.” This conversion is more than just accepting the external change; it requires a deep soul searching change. Aging is more than behavior modification or adaptation. It is a renewal of mind and spirit. This conversion is an ongoing transformation of our whole being, body, mind and soul, because we do not merely change; we are converted.

Our vocation is to go beyond merely the interest of everyday life. It is to take on a spirit of letting go to give birth to the new. Letting go involves mixed feelings and can leave us lonely and disenchanted. It is important then that this be a time of deepening relationships with God, with community, with the world. We must examine our lives and values and be open to the freshness of our present call to be with one another.
in a spirit of openness and joy for what is yet to be. Our faith in the presence of the Spirit in all of life is our support. As we age, we become who we are through the years of openness to the workings of the Spirit within us. The wisdom we exhibit is a result of what we have lived and been over many seasons.

CONTEMPLATION

Contemplation was the searing presence of the Gospel in Clare of Assisi’s life. Clare was quite certain that if she simply permitted divine love to light up her own life, others would be drawn by that radiance. She did not destroy her natural capacity for love but rather purified it, enlarged it and developed it to the fullest perfection. This love of Christ was the heart of her existence that gave her life direction; it permeated her desires, thoughts and actions.

Aging brings about a shift in our use of time. This is our time to live a graceful period in which we delight in God’s love, share our love, and return the gifts received. More than ever, we now realize that we have been called to a vocation of prayer. There is something deeper than action.

Pictured below, the painting of the Holy Spirit is an original artwork created by Sister Geraldine Rutkowski, FSSJ. In addition to receiving a bachelor’s and master’s degree in art, Sister Geraldine studied at Alverno College under the direction of Sister Helena, OSF. Sister Geraldine passed away on May 4, 2005, at 92 years of age. The painting is on display in Immaculate Conception Convent, Hamburg, New York. (Photo by Sr. Lynne Anne Schimminger, FSSJ. Used with permission of FSSJ.)
but a reminder that it is the spiritual that is at the heart of our calling. It is a reaching deeply into the inner vision that gives direction to our life and is a means of bringing God to the here and now. The fruit of our old age has the possibility to yield an abundance.

HUMILITY

Having been loved by his Creator within his heart, and learning through his discernment Francis, in great humility, sought new ways of following the Gospel and walking in the footprints of Christ. As he becomes lowly, recognizing who he is before God, then God is able to lift him up. We can never come to a deep prayer until we know that we are creatures and God is Creator. This awareness of who God is and what God does, sustained by reflection and prayer, strengthened Francis’ understanding that nothing lacks the capacity for God’s gift of redemption in Christ.

When we know who we are, we are able to share ourselves with one another. In loving others, we acknowledge the presence of God in the other, and we give one another life. This experience can bring us to our knees in humble gratitude. Prayer is the place where we are best able to face the reality of who we are and who God calls us to be. It is where we make the connection between our spiritual and everyday life. We recognize that the past has shaped us, but it does not control our present. We must give up our illusions of control and let our future rest in God’s hands.

The transparency and vulnerability of aging calls us not only to authenticity but also to love. In accepting our limitations, we can share with others our spiritual journey with all its trials and blessings. We are able to accept that others have wisdom and experience from which we can benefit. This happens when we break open the stories of our lives and truly become companions to one another. Our life is a journey into the fullness of life, a journey of love of God, others, and self. Humility has the power to transform our hearts into hearts of gratitude.

POVERTY

The joyful change of heart that comes from hearing the Good News of salvation made Clare of Assisi a recipient of Christ’s love. With grateful and reverent attitude, she received everything from God, and her responses involved more than just an openness to receive the gift. Her poverty was a consequence of her choice “…made out of love of the God, who was placed poor in the crib, lived poor in the world, and remained naked on the cross.” Poverty was not a goal in itself. For Clare, the true goal was a transformation into the likeness of Christ by following His example. Dispossessed of things Clare had nothing to defend; she was free. Her heart was unencumbered. Poverty allowed her
to trust in God and to live in right relationship with God and others. Detachment from material possessions and self-giving in imitation of Christ were treasures highly valued because they led to tolerance, acceptance and, finally, mutual love.

As we age, we are able to reclaim our sense of awe and wonder at the mysteries and beauty of the gift of life. Simplicity, a willingness to let go of things and possessions which have often times cluttered our lives, frees us for God. Poverty of spirit teaches us that this is a time of accepting our life and recognizing that we own nothing, that our life is continuously interdependent upon others and that our losses are redeemed and restored in God. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. Standing in trust, believing that our loss is redeemed in and by God, we can share our precious gift of wisdom as a means of witness and enlightenment to others.

**GRATITUDE**

Gathering memories of persons who have inspired and challenged us, we realize that they reflected attitudes and demonstrated behaviors that become easier to appreciate and imitate as we grow older and expand our capacity for gratitude. The frenzy of our earlier years lessens, and we have time to notice, to enjoy, to be grateful. This gratitude becomes a prayer—a prayer that can fill our days. Living in the fullness of time, we pay attention to the ways of mystery emerging in our life, the way we are called to love, and the way we daily experience God’s care-filled presence. Then, we can echo Francis and say: “I have done what was mine to do, may Christ teach you what is yours.”
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From the Editor’s Desk
Sister Sherryl White, CSJ, Ph.D.
There is a saying often attributed to St. Francis: “Preach the Gospel; use words if necessary.” But research seems to indicate that there is no historical evidence of Francis ever having said this. After reading Sr. Ann’s article, I would tend to agree. How could a spirituality so grounded in incarnational realities, so steeped in the beauty of storytelling and story listening ever go without words?

What I think Francis and Clare do offer us is the beauty and challenge of a spiritual tradition that embraces the Grand Encounter. Always encouraged beyond our circumspect view, we are called to stand or sit in full assurance that welcoming Love will meet us everywhere, always. Importantly, that same love, holding all judgment in abeyance, is ours to convey to others.

In this Advent season of gentle darkness and haunting hymns, we can be tempted toward the lovely. We can imagine small creatures eating bread from the snow-lined folds of Francis’ cowl, inspiring us to love creation. But the spirituality Sr. Ann writes of has teeth. Conversion, contemplation, humility, and poverty don’t drop easily into any sentence, much less into life.

And so it is with aging. I think you’ll find that Franciscan spirituality has a great deal to say to all of us as we tangle with this thing called “growing older.” Perhaps, on our journey to standing naked and vulnerable in the town square of our lives, we will find, like St. Francis, that this very place is not the end, but the beginning of our greatest journey. Merry Christmas!
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in the light of the Holy Father’s Prayer Intentions for 2017

JANUARY
FOR ALL SALESIANS
That they may always and everywhere be men of the Church and of unity.

FEBRUARY
FOR SALESIANS IN THE AMERICAS
That they may keep alive in their hearts the love of Jesus for poor youth.

MARCH
FOR SALESIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
That Salesians may continue to be signs of faith and hope among the persecuted Christians of the Middle East.

APRIL
FOR SALESIAN VOCATIONS
That every Salesian community may radiate the joy of being called by the Lord.

MAY
FOR SALESIANS IN AFRICA AND MADAGASCAR
That, as prophets of mercy, justice and peace, they may know how to educate the young to the social dimension of charity.

JUNE
FOR SALESIANS WHO WORK IN CONFLICT AREAS
That they may be Builders of Peace through the weapon of “education” and the proclamation of the “Prince of Peace”

JULY
FOR SALESIANS IN EUROPE
That Project Europe, a missionary project of the Congregation, may bear abundant fruit.

AUGUST
FOR SALESIANS IN OCEANIA
That they may share with the young the beauty of their vocation.

SEPTEMBER
FOR THE 148TH MISSIONARY EXPEDITION
That every Salesian may be a missionary according to the heart of Don Bosco.

OCTOBER
FOR SALESIANS IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES
That vocational training centres continue to be schools of development and Christian humanism in the world of work.

NOVEMBER
FOR SALESIANS IN ASIA
That they may be builders of communion in diversity.

DECEMBER
FOR OLD AND SICK SALESIANS
That they may continue to radiate the joy of their vocation call and be intercessors for abundant graces of the Lord for the Salesian mission.
ROSEMEAD, CA. – January 3, 2017 - Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host a mathematics competition for fifth through eighth grade students on Saturday, February 4. The 45th annual event will offer awards to the highest scoring individual and teams.

“The competition is always a great opportunity for middle school students to challenge themselves while testing their critical thinking and math skills,” said Bosco Tech President Xavier Jimenez. “Mastery of complex problem solving is key to future success in STEM fields.”

Competition check in begins at 7:45 a.m. and the one-hour test starts at 9 a.m. Food will be available for purchase. An award ceremony will begin at approximately 11 a.m., following the competition. The competition cost is $8 per student and registration ends January 27. To register, email mathcompetition@boscotech.edu or call (626) 940-2009 for more information.

Bosco Tech is located at 1151 San Gabriel Boulevard, Rosemead, 91770. Visit www.boscotech.edu or call (626) 940-2000 to learn more about the school. Celebrating its sixty third year, Bosco Tech is an all-male Catholic high school that combines a rigorous college-preparatory program with a technology-focused education. The innovative STEM curriculum allows students to exceed university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five applied science and engineering fields. Each year for the past several years, one hundred percent of the graduating class has earned college acceptances. Visit www.boscotech.edu for more information.

According to Niche.com, Bosco Tech ranks in the top three of all-boys schools in the Los Angeles metro area and among the top 100 all-boys high schools in America. Founded in 2002 by Carnegie Mellon University students as CollegeProwler.com, Niche provides reviews from everyday experts on neighborhoods, colleges, and K-12 schools to provide students, families and professionals with insight into important life decisions.
Bosco Tech
45th Annual Mathematics Competition
February 4, 2017

Boys & Girls
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are welcome to participate individually or teams of 4+
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$8 per student (non-refundable)

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For information on prize* or registration, contact organizer:
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Pursuit of happiness is a life-long dream for all. Most of us are successful in feeling good about who we are, what we have accomplished in life and proud of our children and family. However, this feeling good seems to fade away with aging when we are struck with gradual memory loss or fading health. Hence, the question of “Why are seniors not happy?” surfaces. Is it true that seniors tend to be grumpy old folks? If yes, what is the root cause of this tendency?

I decided not to research on this topic, but to give you my personal reflection on the subject matter. Based on my observation, there are people who tend to be happy, no matter what. That is the innate personality unique to each of us. From birth, you can tell whether your baby is calm and consolable or your baby is cranky and agitated. Moms can tell you their stories of their children their specific characters. This personality could persist until your old age. However, I am also convinced that an array of life situations could change you over time. Rough life experiences can shape your world view to be more pessimistic. This translates into your relationship with your friends and families. It might not be evident until you are less independent in the senior years. With aging and its ailment, your approach to adapting to this stage of life could be negative and alienating. Your friends and families would not enjoy around you because of your chronic complains and sour remarks in everyday life matter.

How can we cultivate an environment that provides an easier transition from being independent to becoming the recipient of assistance in everyday living? My hypothesis is that if society at large and the family as the immediate environment promote a culture that allows the seniors to thrive, they would be happier.

Let us look at the old folks in Sicily, Italy. Their longevity is world renowned. They seem to be happy people. Their ingredients for happiness seem to come from several sources. Take their diet, for example; eating healthy Mediterranean diet is one of the ways to prevent incidences of chronic illness prev-
alent in many Western countries. They drink a glass of red wine every day, and this supposedly helps to promote a strong heart and vascular system. Their bread and cheese are being publicized as the source of their good health. As one goes deeper into their food culture, it is clear that what they eat and how they moderate their diet is not as important. The secret recipe may not be the type of food but how they break bread together.

I think their main ingredient begins with the letter F. Being with the family is one of the reasons why the seniors are so happy. We saw from TV that the elderlies at Sicily are very active in their social activities. They play games together, they have a glass of red wine over chess, and they just hang out together. Socialization is the key to joyful encounter; it is the weapon to kill isolation and loneliness. Once you are with your friends and families, all the good activities would come. You will not stay in the house daydreaming. You will be walking, talking, or perhaps volunteering your talent. You will feel useful and productive. Having a purpose in life, especially during the final phase of your life is pivotal to entering the best part of your senior years. So without research or solid data, I can predict from observing people around me that one of the major steps towards a happier senior life is to enter the path of your friends and families. Surround yourself with people that you enjoy knowing, be their Facebook friends. WhatsApp your families even though they don’t live with you. Stay connected. Keep yourself busy with either sharing your skills and talents or learning something new. Every day is a new opportunity to be productive, to experience the love and friendship of your friends and families, and to dwell on the positive aspects that life can offer.

Your homework assignment from the Care Ministry this week: identify what makes you feel good today.

The Care Ministry welcomes your comments/suggestions:
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THE PSALMS: THE TREASURE OF BIBLICAL PRAYER

16-20 JANUARY

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- 12:30pm | Lunch
- 2:30pm-4pm | Session 2

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Instructor: John Roche, SDB: Director of the Institute of Salesian Studies

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