HAPPY EASTER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Lucian Lomello, SDB
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Fr. John O’Brien, SDB
Fr. Avelino Lorenzo, SDB

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Fr. Nick Reina.....................07
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Martha Nguyen Thi Phu
Aunt of Frs. Chinh/Chuyen Nguyen
10/10/1952 - 3/31/2017

Doris Roche
Mother of Fr. John Roche.
RIP on Jan. 23rd

Fr. Amable Lorenzo, SDB
the brother of our Fr. Avelino
RIP on Jan. 18th
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Dear Salesian Family and friends and readers.

We know very well what celebrating Easter means. In fact, we are so familiar with it that every year we need to deepen ever more our understanding of the great wealth that this reality holds.

Jesus, the Lord, the Risen One, returns to LIFE, with capital letters, the Other Life. In this way, God the Father manifests to the world that neither death nor all that causes it has the final word—not violence, not egoism, not wars—and not other deaths like the exhaustion and the agony of people who suffer in their human relationships because they are exploited, cast out, subjugated, or excluded. No—these do not have the final word because God wants us human beings to have life and have it in abundance.

From the easternmost point to the farthest west, following the path the sun takes as it makes its way over the earth.

Inevitably, my thought goes to the Salesian presences around the world because our dream is that they might be true dispensers of life to so many young people, and a life in abundance, an authentic, true life which gives them dignity and helps them also experience the great gift that God is in their lives. My thoughts fly from east to west. They start in the place in the Salesian world that is the first to see the light each day: the Samoan island of Savaii, where I got to know beautiful young people and a community that accompanies them in their daily life. Then, too, my thoughts go to the westernmost presences of the Salesian world: on the west coast of the United States.

Almost as when Don Bosco dreamt of the expansion of his Congregation, it makes me happy to know that in so many places the simple houses of our Salesian world are houses which offer life to boys and girls. It is so in Samoa, the Solomon Islands, or Papua New Guinea, with a wonderful preparation for the world of work that prepares them for life. It is also so in Calcutta, or in Delhi, or Chennai—and many other places—with homes in which boys and girls have left behind their life on the streets and are opening up to true life for they have found a house that is a home.

So it is in the Salesian house in Istanbul or wounded Aleppo: the street kids come together and find life in hundreds of houses of our Salesian Family in Africa: street
children in Addis Ababa and girls rescued from sexual abuse in Sierra Leone, as well as “os meninhos da rua” (the street kids) in Mozambique and Angola.

Immigrant young people welcomed into the homes of the Salesian Family in Catania, Naples, and so many other Salesian presences in Europe are also looking for life.

In addition, the adolescents and young adults who have left behind guerilla warfare in Colombia and now live in Ciudad Don Bosco (Don Bosco City) in Medellin find life. So do the thousands of displaced people on the US Mexican border in Tijuana, where our brothers and sisters share life with them in a very simple way.

The celebration of the Passover of the Lord inspires all of this, and much more, in me. There can be no celebration without God, without His Mystery, without the strength of the Holy Spirit who raised Jesus—lest it be an “empty spiritualist” celebration in which life and the suffering of the children of God seem not to matter. They matter to Jesus; day by day, He intends to accompany the life of His people, especially the poor and the most fragile.

My friends, let us not be ignorant of these simple but very important things lest they escape our attention. May the Easter celebrations fill us with joy, hope, and prayer.

Blessed Easter!

Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, SDB
Rector Major

Province Calendar

April, 2017

5 WE Directors-Pastors Meeting, 10:00 AM to Dinner, Corpus Christi, San Francisco
6-7 TH-FR Provincial Council Meeting, Provincial Residence, San Francisco
11-17 TU-MO Provincial Visitation, San Luis Rey, Laredo
16 SU Easter Sunday
24-26 MO-WE North American Salesian Conference, New Hampshire
28 FR Board Meeting, Bosco Tech, Rosemead @ 10:00 AM
28-3 FR-WE Provincial Visitation, Provincial Residence, San Francisco
ROSEMEAD, CA—April 5, 2017—Don Bosco Technical Institute (Bosco Tech) will host its annual Black and Gold Gala at the Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles on Sunday, April 30, starting at 5 p.m. Gala guests will dine, dance, and bid on auction items with all proceeds benefiting Bosco Tech’s tuition assistance program.

The event will honor Bosco Tech past president Father Nicolas Reina, SDB; long-time faculty member Jim Curriel; the John Devaney family (sons Cedric, Roger and Trevor are graduates of Bosco Tech) and their company, Hi-Rel Laboratories. Each honoree has greatly contributed to the school’s long-term success.

“Bosco Tech and its students have benefitted beyond measure by the dedication and generosity of each of our honorees,” said Xavier Jimenez, Bosco Tech President. “We are honored and blessed to have the opportunity to recognize each one, while celebrating what the Tech has meant to the lives of so many young people.”

Gala tickets are $100 per person and can be purchased through https://boscotechgala2017.auction-bid.org/microsite/. An assortment of auction items will be available for online bidding on the website beginning on April 17. For more information about gala tickets, auction items, or to purchase ad space in the event program, contact (626) 940-2000.
Celebrating its sixty second 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.

The Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles is located at 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, 90071.

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ARCHDIOCESE CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

On March 14, two members of the Bosco Tech community were awarded the Christian Service Medal by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Senior Manuel Alvarez (MSET) and long-time volunteer, instructor and coach Mr. Brad Stolz were recognized for their exemplary levels of service to the school and to their community.

Manuel has devoted a great deal of time to helping others. He has served as Youth Ministry Core Team co-president, character assembly co-chair, Kairos team leader, and Big Brother program co-chair while serving ad participating in the Lettermen Society, the National Honor Society, the National Hispanic Honor Society, the Boy Scouts, the Ambassador leadership team, and his church choir.

Mr. Stolz continues to inspire not just Bosco Tech’s track and field and cross country teams but all students at the school. In addition to coaching, Mr. Stolz volunteers with the campus’ youth ministry program, coordinating student retreats and community service projects for sports teams and campus organizations.

A Salesian Cooperator, Mr. Stolz has been described as “an active and essential youth minister, offering his assistance in everything ministry related. He is a testament to what Bosco Tech truly is!”

After coming to the campus in 1969, Mr. Stolz taught English and Spanish, serving as the chairman of the Foreign Language department. For twelve years, he was also an academic counselor.

Having visited 123 countries. He has organized and chaperoned many student trips to exotic locales that young people would not normally have the opportunity to visit like Macchu Pichu, Mt. Sinai, King Tut’s tomb and Easter Island.

“The day before Mr. Stolz received his award, he came into my office asking if maybe we had made a mistake in nominating him,” said Coordinator of Youth Ministry Rudy Herrera. “He said he felt that he hadn't done anything to deserve such recognition. I couldn't help but think to myself, ‘We chose the right person.’ And Manny was chosen by a vote of the faculty and staff. Knowing his personal story, he overcame tremendous adversity which could have easily turned him inwards and closed him off. But instead, it motivated him to help others. It was great to see them be recognized yesterday. Their approach to service is an example to each of us.”

The 2017 Archdiocese of Los Angeles Christian Service Award was presented at a special Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The students honored represented each of the 51 Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese while Bosco Tech was one of only ten schools with an adult honoree as well.
Bellflower, CA, April 4, 2017 – St. John Bosco High School is excited to announce the appointment of Jeffery Anderson ‘98 as head varsity wrestling coach. Anderson takes over the head coaching position after serving as an assistant for the program the past 11 years. Anderson is a graduate of St. John Bosco High School where he was a standout member of the wrestling team under Coach Omar Delgado. After graduating in 1998, he continued his education and wrestling career at Columbia University in New York City, where he was a NCAA Division I four-time letter winner, nominated for Academic All-American and awarded the King’s Crown Leadership Award (2001/2002). He graduated with a degree in Economics.

“The vision Anderson presented for our wrestling team as well as the character, integrity and leadership skills he has displayed under Coach Delgado makes him the right coach for the Braves,” remarked Monty McDermott, Director of Athletics, St. John Bosco High School. “We are very fortunate to have Coach Anderson further develop our student-athletes to be their best, on and off the mat.”

Anderson returned to St. John Bosco High School in 2006 as the assistant wrestling coach alongside his former coach, Omar Delgado, where he was instrumental in leading the Braves to the 2017 CIF Southern Section Masters Team Title Championship. His experience as a wrestler combined with his love and knowledge for the sport has molded his style as a coach.

“Coming back to Bosco, has meant the world to me,” said Anderson. “I am honored to directly impact the lives of so many young men. I developed a deep understanding of who I am and what I could be in this faith-filled environment. It is this type of understanding that I wish to help and guide my student-athletes to. I know our wrestlers will go on to do great things; they will wrestle in college, they will compete around the world, they will be leaders in industry, they will be family men, they will be men of faith and they will show what it means to be a Bosco Wrestler.”

About St. John Bosco High School:

Founded in 1940 by the Salesians of Don Bosco, St. John Bosco High School is a distinctive all-male Catholic college preparatory school with a student body of approximately 850 students, grades 9-12. As a Catholic college preparatory community in the Salesian tradition, the school educates young men with reason, religion and loving kindness to become men of purpose. More information can be found by visiting bosco.org.

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Brother Tony Matse

On Wednesday, March 29, 2017, I visited Brother Tony Matse after his recent move to Nazareth House in San Rafael. He was in good spirits and glad to be placed near the chapel. He still reads constantly and goes through his notes—which he shares with others. He pointed out to me some important items in the latest issues of the Salesian ACTS.

He seems to enjoy his surroundings and even jokes about the long line-up of walkers, canes, wheel chairs, and other devices parked outside the dining room whenever he goes for a meal. He appreciates the work of Nazareth and he told me tales about other residents—from a monsignor on one side and a retired Bishop elsewhere in the community.

He sends his best to all the confreres and hopes to see many visitors.

Fr. John Roche, SDB

APRIL
SALESIAN MISSIONARY INTENTIONS
IN THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Salesian Vocations
That every Salesian community may radiate the joy of being called by the

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Alleluia! The Lord Jesus, on his third day in the profound darkness of death, hears the joyful call of the Father to return to life. This is the fundamental reason why every Salesian community also learns to shine forth the joy of his call, to shine forth the joy of the Risen One.

We are reminded of the missionary appeal from the Rector Major on 8 December of last year. He said, “The mission to evangelize the world demands of us, the Salesians of Don Bosco, to go beyond, to be more open, to respond to so many requests that keep coming to us continuously from the Church for an evangelizing mission in various places and among so many peoples.”

The light of Easter makes us understand that this mission of evangelization is a response. All peoples of the world, especially the youth, have the right and a thirst for the Good News of the Lord, the conqueror of sin and death.

Dear confrere - young and not so young - you are still in time to write to the Rector Major (afartime@sdb.org) your letter expressing your availability for the mission ad gentes, ad exteris, ad vitam. The 148th Salesian Missionary Expedition of next September is already almost ready! Only YOU are missing! Happy Easter!

Fr. Guillermo Basañes, SDB
Councillor for the missions

This month, where Holy Week blossoms out into Easter, we also see the blossoming of several years of reflection on the First Proclamation of Jesus Christ, a reflection made in the course of 8 Study Days spread over five continents. At Cachoeira do Campo, Brazil, from 23 to 30 April we shall hold the first regional seminar of missionary animation and formation, in collaboration with the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. The aim is to understand, deepen and assimilate the theme of First Proclamation. We shall also look for a concrete, educative pastoral path to make it systematic. We wish to consolidate within the provinces the practice of this First Proclamation of Jesus Christ in the various sectors of our presences.

This seminar in Brazil will be followed by others: in Thailand, for Asia and Oceania, from 13 to 20 August; in 2018, at Fatima, for Europe, from 04 to 11 March; and finally for Africa, at Johannesburg, from 12 to 19 August. Announcing the Risen Lord in all the various cultures of the world is the compelling and on-going mission of the Church. We need to announce him in the context of rich cultural traditions through mutually enriching dialogue; in contexts that are strongly secularised, but with a great hunger for spirituality and a search for a meaning in life; in contexts of wide openness to the Good News; in contexts of a certain weariness within Christianity, with a need for fresh vitality. All these contexts are a part of the human reality of today. They are all in continuous evolution, and not bound within defined geographic boundaries.

We offer the world, particularly the young, our witness of a happy and coherent evangelical life, and a rich and generous love. These give rise to the question, “What urges you to live this way?” Only pastoral wisdom can enable us to respond to this “opening of the door” with the “logic of faith” such as, “In the footsteps of Don Bosco, we too are, all of us and on every occasion, called to be educators to the faith. Our most sublime knowledge is, therefore, that of Jesus of Christ; and our greatest joy is to reveal to everyone the unfathomable richness of his mystery.” (Const. 34)

There are so many “mission lands” in our playgrounds, our corridors, our classrooms, our workshops, our offices, where we spend the whole of our day. Each of them call out to us for one or another form of First Proclamation in all its fullness. The book “First Proclamation” will soon reach your provincial house. It is a tool of formation. Hopefully it will motivate you to face the challenges of being a missionary today.
It was my grandmother who gave birth to my vocation to be a missionary among indigenous peoples. She had indigenous blood and, hence, I had a closeness to them right in my genes.

I was born at Manaus. We migrated to the interior, where we lived eight years surviving through hunting and on the fruits we cultivated. We had to walk four kilometers to attend Mass. An Italian priest used to preside. When I completed primary school my family returned to the city. There, at the age of 14, I started learning Catechism and began to help at liturgical functions. I heard about the Salesians from the “good nights” my father used to give us. He had studied in a Salesian school at Rio Negro.

After secondary school I tried out a vocational experience as a volunteer in a social project called “Don Bosco For Minors”. I remember very well a statement by the provincial of the time. He told me and another young person, “We need young people to work among the indigenous peoples of Rio Negro ...”. These words left a deep mark on me.

In 2006, during my regency, I started working among the Yanomami in Maturacá. That year, together with my community, I carried out several activities among these indigenous young people and their families: oratory, education, catechesis, .......... After this rich experience among the Yanomami I went on to study theology at Ratisbonne, Jerusalem. In 2013 I was sent to the indigenous people of river Marauí. I accepted this obedience with great joy.

I have now been working four years with the Yanomami. I am the director of a school. Since two years my teachers and I do the pastoral work of catechizing people. I think my motto at my ordination and religious profession have a lot to do with my missionary vocation to work among the indigenous. “I am here; send me” (Is 6,8) was my motto at my religious profession. “Thy will be done” was my motto at my diaconate; “The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep” (Jn 10,11) at my priestly ordination.

I do face some challenges: the lack of Salesian missionaries in this area; some organizations in our region block the work of the Salesians, wanting to turn the indigenous against us; the scarcity of material means to develop the mission among the Yanomami and other ethnic groups of the area; the enormous distances from one community to the next.

I look back at the years I have spent in the Salesian Missionary Province of the Amazon and my greatest joy is to watch the fruits of the hard work of our Salesians. So many of them dedicated their lives to this indigenous mission. The seeds of the Incarnate Word were already present in the hearts of these people. The missionaries woke them up and made them sprout. Today we are a part of the history of these indigenous peoples. We shall continue to sow seeds that will bear abundant fruits in this region of Rio Negro in the form of good Christians and honest indigenous citizens.

On the occasion of the Salesian Missionary Day 2017 I wish to leave a message to young people: do not be afraid to say “YES” to working among indigenous peoples. They need your presence among them to share the knowledge of various cultures. Come without prejudices. Discover the wealth of the indigenous peoples. It is possible for all of us to live in harmony, respecting the cultures of each other. We can share our knowledge if we are humble of heart. Do not afraid to learn from a new experience of cultural sharing and an experience of the Lord, in the Salesian spirit of Don Bosco.

P. Lázaro Santos, sdb
Rector of the Salesian Mission - Maturacá River. Indigenous State School “Imaculada Conceição” - Amazonas ; BRAZIL

Witness of Salesian Missionary Sanctity

Venerable Mons. Octavio Ortiz Arrieta (1878-1958), the first Salesian of Peru, bishop of Chachapoyas. In his first pastoral letter of 1922 he addressed the faithful of his diocese thus: “If you are the father of the family, educate your children in the holy fear of God. Do not forget that in this sweet temple of the family you are the priest of the Most High. There, you are the one entrusted with preaching and piety. Let religion be what forms the tender hearts of your children, if you wish to see them grow up wise and healthy, useful to religion and to the nation, and one day, happy inhabitants of heaven.”

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Treatment Options for Tinnitus

Abstracted by Sheila Kun from the American Tinnitus Association (ATA).

There are several well-established therapies for patients struggling with severe, chronic tinnitus. American Tinnitus Association (ATA) encourages patients to embrace these tools, which can minimize the impact and burden of tinnitus.

Find a Healthcare Provider

Use ATA’s Health Professional Directory to find a local doctor with experience in tinnitus management and support.

The primary objective for all currently-available tinnitus treatment options is to lower the perceived burden of tinnitus, allowing the patient to live a more comfortable, unencumbered, and content life.

There is currently no scientifically proven cure for most cases of chronic tinnitus — in particular the vast majority of cases caused by sensorineural hearing loss. The search for a definitive cure is ongoing and real progress is being made, but there is currently no clinically proven way to fully eliminate the perception of tinnitus.

There are, however, excellent tools to help patients manage their condition; treatments that reduce the perceived intensity, omnipresence, and burden of tinnitus. These currently available treatments are not “cures” — they neither repair the underlying causes of tinnitus, nor eliminate the tinnitus signal in the brain. Instead, they address the attentional, emotional, and cognitive impact of tinnitus. They help patients live better, more fulfilling, and more productive lives, even if the perception of tinnitus remains.
The most effective tinnitus treatment tools address the aspects of tinnitus that so often make the condition feel burdensome: anxiety, stress, social isolation, sound sensitivity, hearing difficulties, and perceived volume.

No two patients and no two tinnitus cases are alike. As such, the “best” treatment option is often contingent on an array of factors unique to each patient. Moreover, successful management of tinnitus may require overlapping layers of treatment. ATA recommends that patients work with their healthcare provider(s) to identify and implement the treatment strategy that is best suited to their particular needs.

Below is a list of currently available treatment options, organized into general categories.

Please note: ATA does not endorse or recommend any specific tinnitus products, treatments or providers.

General Wellness

The perceived intensity of tinnitus can fluctuate depending on many factors, including the patient’s overall well-being. There are simple (and often free!) things patients can do that may alleviate some of the burden.

Hearing Aids

Tinnitus is overwhelmingly connected to some level of hearing loss. Augmenting the reception and perception of external noise can often provide relief from the internal sound of tinnitus.

Your homework assignment from the Care Ministry this week: Understand the treatment options of tinnitus.

The Care Ministry welcomes your comments/suggestions:

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Behavioral Therapies

Tinnitus can generate strong, negative emotions like anxiety, depression, and anger. Patients can learn to control their emotional reactions and thereby disassociate tinnitus from painful negative behavioral responses.