

PROVINCIAL CIRCULAR

St. Joseph Province of Hyderabad - INH



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April, 2015

Dear Confreres,

Greetings of peace and joy to you all from Don Bosco Provincial house, Hyderabad. In this circular I would like to reflect with you on the letter sent to us by the mission counsellor on Missionary Re-reading of GC 27 in an Indian context. I hope the communities and individuals have read the letter. It is very small but it has given us the Missionary focus on GC 27.

1. Salesian life permanently in a state of mission:

Today the word missionary can be misunderstood as conversion, as we hear so commonly the word Gharwapsi (re-conversion from other religions). Often we forget that our duty is proclamation and real conversion or mission is done by God Himself. As Salesians we are called to reach out to others especially to the young who are most in need, in our mission. As Pope Francis himself says, as religious we have to reach out to existential peripheries. It is also the special vocation of a Salesian to reach out to the needy in Don Bosco way, as mentioned in the letter.

We need to overcome self-referentiality, which means the mission that we are accomplishing is not ours but Gods. Our reference point is God Himself. There will be success as well as failure in our mission as

was the case in the mission of Jesus. He entered Jerusalem triumphantly as a king. He worked so many wonders. At the same time people misunderstood Him, denied Him and crucified Him. But Jesus had great faith in the Father. On Palm Sunday we reflected on the triumph as well as on the suffering of Jesus. In our apostolate too there will be glories when we achieve some great things as well as sufferings when we are not appreciated or acknowledged. Do we look for our self-glory or think of God in the midst of our Problems? Don Bosco has said that no one is indispensable in the Congregation. Yet sometimes we feel, perhaps, that without us nothing can go on.

Secondly we need to overcome lack of missionary boldness which is seen in the feeling of fatigue, tension, fragmentation, inefficiency and burn out. Work and temperance was the theme of our GC 27 (Witness to the radical approach of the Gospel).

In the Book of 'Don Bosco with God' by Fr. Eugenio Ceria SDB, the author says that Don Bosco literally died of work. His strong physical constitution would have allowed him to live to be 90 and beyond. But he wore himself out by hard work. Don Bosco wanted the same spirit to continue in the Salesian Congregation (Eugenio Ceria sdb, Don Bosco with God, P.13).

All our confreres work very hard. Some times we neglect our community practices of piety and involve in work.... 'Some times I don't communicate what I do to the head of the community or to the Provincial ... here, what is the purpose of my work'. (P. 27) Most of the work we do today can be done by lay-people. Are we prepared to empower them and do the work of animation? Due to over-load of work there are tensions in the communities and some confreres experience burn-out. Don Bosco himself has said that we need to work as much as our health permits. We need to give time to work, prayer, community, recreation etc.

We are not robots, but human beings who have the capacity to love.

One should work on himself constantly and develop his capacity to understand and love others. Jesus also worked hard. He understood people, he showed compassion to everyone and forgave everyone. Let us remember that we have professed in this congregation to imitate Jesus and to proclaim his Kingdom.

Let us not think of our survival, or the survival of the Congregation and of the Province. As Pope Francis himself mentions we need to go beyond ordinary maintenance and tomb psychology that cause us interior fatigue. The Pope invites us to move from self-presentation to Pastoral Conversion.

We are men of God and we need to give top priority in our life to the Eucharist and to the Word of God. These are stressed in the GC 27. We have also taken as priorities after the General chapter.

2. From Multi Culturality to Inter Culturality:

In our context what is needed is interreligious dialogue and Ecumenism. The Pope also spoke much on this topics. At all levels we need to initiate inter religious dialogue and ecumenism.

3. Evangelizing:

We are seen in South Asia too as NGO's who are involved in social work. Evangelization is essentially the personal encounter with Jesus Christ and we share this experience with others. The values of the kingdom like love, justice, forgiveness are to be cultivated in us and shared with others, even with people of other faiths. In the Province the elderly sick confreres too are a spiritual force for our evangelization work. Their prayers and sacrifices are very much needed for the growth of the mission. Therefore, as the confreres become elderly they can contribute best by their Prayer and Sacrifice. Let us also remember our confreres

who are elderly and sick in our prayers.

Consultation Forms:

Fr. Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar, the Vice Provincial has been transferred by the Rector Major Fr. Angel Fernandez Arttime to the generalate in Rome for three years to be in the Youth Pastoral Department. Therefore I am sending the consultation form for the Vice Provincial.

I am also sending the consultation forms for Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderanad, for rector.

The rector of Ongole has been transferred. So consultation form for the new rector is attached.

The rector of Raptadu has asked for transfer. Therefore I am sending consultation forms.

Kindly fill in the consulatation forms and send them to the Provincial Office by 18th April 2015.

Preparation for Final Vows:

The course in Prepartion for final vows is from April 26 to 21 May 2015. The course is conducted in Don Bosco Renewal Centre, Banglore. It commences on April 26, evening. Kindly reach Don Bosco Renewal Centre on 26 Morning. The following clerics will be attending the course:

- Cl. Vanga Joseph
- Cl. Kommu Sudharshan
- Cl. Kasu Lourdu Reddy
- Cl. Palem Jeevan Kumar
- Cl. Narisetti Anup

Kindly book the tickets from your communities. The fees will be sent by the Province.

Perpetual Profession:

The Provincial Council on 25 March 2015 has admitted 5 clerics for Perpetual Profession and one cleric is admitted by the Provincial Council of Bangalore. They will have the retreat from 18 – 22 May in the Divine Centre, Munthangi. The clerics should reach the Provincial House on 17 May 2015. The following clerics will make Perpetual Profession on 24 May 2015 at Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda at 6.00 pm.

- Cl. Aduri Chinna Babu
- Cl. Jangala Upendar
- Cl. Salibindla Marreddy
- Cl. Vanga Joseph
- Cl. Neelam Naresh
- Cl. Yeruva Inna Reddy

Lenten Contribution:

As mentioned in the March circular, all the leaders of the communities are requested to send the Lenten Contribution to the Provincial Economer on or before 6 April 2015. This will be collected together and sent to the Rector Major.

23rd Anniversary of the Province:

Our Province is completing 23 years of its existence on 24th April 2015. While we remember with gratitude God's goodness to us during these years, we also remember the pioneers who worked hard to make this province what it is today. Let us make every effort to fulfil the vision that we have laid down for our province, namely reaching out to the poor and the youth and bringing the Gospel to them. Kindly keep the Province and the intentions of the Provincial in your prayers, on 24th April 2015. May St. Joseph, our Patron and Mother Mary our guide constantly aid us

in being true sons of Don Bosco for the Salvation of Young People. I also take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for doing your best in living Don Bosco's dream for the young people of our place province.

Meeting of the Commission/Sector/Centre heads:

On April 16, 2015 there will be a meeting of the heads of the various commissions / sectors / centres at Don Bosco Provincial House to evaluate their functioning and plan for the coming academic year 2015-2016 (SEPP). The meeting commences at 9.30 am and will conclude by 8.00 pm.

Condolences:

❖ On Mar 17, 2015 Mrs Garlapati Antonamma, mother of Fr. Garlapati Michael Kishore passed away at her hometown Thimmaraopet, Warangal. She was 74 when she breathed her last. Our sincere condolences to Fr. Garlapati Kishore and his family members.

Conclusion:

We are in the Holy Week. I will be in Muniguda, Odisha for Easter. May you all have a fruitful Easter Ministry. May the Risen Lord bless us all.

Wish you all a Very Happy Easter.

Yours Affectionately in Don Bosco,

Fr. R. Balaraju



**Fr Ramedni Balaraju sdb
Provincial**

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TRAVELOGUE OF THE PROVINCIAL – April - 2015	
April	Community
02 - 05	Muniguda APV/Easter
08 - 09	Navajeevan, Vijayawada APV
10 -11	Bosco Ashram, Ponnur APV
12	Inauguration of the chapel in PT Parru
13 - 14	DB Guntur APV
15	DB Ongole APV
22	Provincial Council
24	Vanasthalipuram

Travelogue of the Vice Provincial – April		Travelogue of the Economer - April	
08	Communication Commission Meet – Hyderabad	06	Don Bosco Navajeevan, Vijayawada
9 - 10	Formation Commission Meeting - Karunapuram	07	Don Bosco P. T. Parru
12	DB Navajeevan - Ramanthapur	08	Bosco Ashram, Ponnur
13	Don Bosco School - Mothinagar	09	St. Michael's Home, Guntur
16	Commission / Sector / Centre Heads Meet - Hyderabad	13	Don Bosco, Ravulapalem
22	Provincial Council	14	Don Bosco, Peddaboddepalli
24 -26	Social Communications Executive Council Meeting - Guwahati	22	Provincial Council
		25	Don Bosco, Mariapuram
		27	Don Bosco Academy, Nalgonda / Chandur

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**CONSULTATION FORM FOR
VICE PROVINCIAL**

Name: _____ Year of Profession: _____

House: _____

FIRST CHOICE: _____

Human Qualities: _____

Religious Spirit: _____

Capacity for collaboration, animation and government: _____

SECOND CHOICE: _____

Human Qualities: _____

Religious Spirit: _____

Capacity for collaboration, animation and government: _____

THIRD CHOICE: _____

Human Qualities: _____

Religious Spirit: _____

Capacity for collaboration, animation and government: _____

N.B.: You may use additional sheets for motivation. Write "CONFIDENTIAL" on the envelope.

Kindly return this filled-in form by **18th April 2015**.

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Consultation form for the Appointment of Rector

Dear Fr. Provincial,
I am proposing the following confreres as Rector:

[Large empty oval space for listing names]

Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad

01) Name of the Confrere: _____
House: _____
Motivation: _____

02) Name of the Confrere: _____
House: _____
Motivation: _____

03) Name of the Confrere: _____
House: _____
Motivation: _____

Name: _____ Year of Profession: _____
House: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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