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**Dear Confreres,**

Greetings of peace and joy from Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad! On 16<sup>th</sup> August we have begun the **Bicentenary Celebrations** of the Birth of Don Bosco. I believe that significant events have taken place in all the houses to remember our Father Don Bosco. In the following article we shall reflect on work and temperance and Salesian Joy. Kindly read this in the communities and make use of it for your animations.

**The story of the beginnings: industrious poverty, trust in God and fervent charity** (Continuation)

### **3. Work and temperance from an educational point of view**

I have spent time on these events, not only because we are here where Don Bosco spent his childhood. They highlight an essential aspect of the motto **Work and Temperance**.

On 13 February, 2014 Pope Francis, meeting those who were attending a plenary meeting of the Congregation for Catholic Education, told them:

To educate is an act of love and giving life. Love is demanding, requires that we put in our best resources, re-awaken our passion and patiently walk together with our students. The educator in the Catholic school first of

all has to be competent, qualified, and at the same time rich in humanity, able to be amongst the young in a pedagogical way to foster their full human and spiritual growth. Young people need both quality teaching and values, not just spoken of but also witnessed to. Consistency is an essential factor in educating the young. There is no growth, no education without being consistent.

It is precisely this horizon of meaning, the semantic framework in which we need to locate any consideration of the Salesian “emblem”: *Work and temperance will make the Congregation flourish*. Our Saint’s insistence is not only to be interpreted from the point of view of the ascetics of consecrated life, but also from the point of view of mission. This is what requires tireless work and temperance. We, Salesians are to be hardworking and temperate as Don Bosco was, in the context of our vocation as educators of the young. It is for them that we are consecrated to God through vows and live in fraternal communities. It is pastoral zeal; our love for “the salvation of souls” that makes us become hard working and temperate...

This direction of Don Bosco is already found in the spiritual programme he laid down for himself in preparing for his priestly ordination: “Suffer, work, be humble always and in everything when saving souls is at stake”. In the three years he spent at the Pastoral Institute, his pastoral zeal became stronger. At the same time his perspective of “salvation” became broader and all embracing. Pastoral activity was allied with concern for education and social assistance, all of which required more energy and availability, with inevitable consequences for personal life and time management.

In the years that followed, even when he had developed a personal charismatic dimension and a clear approach to things, he would continue to maintain firmly the reference points he had picked up while at the Pastoral Institute. From Fr. Cafasso Don Bosco learned to be the pastor

who was in love with God and warmly dedicated to his neighbour, ready for any sacrifice while carrying out what had been entrusted to him, just as the Redeemer did in “spreading, setting the divine flame alight more and more on earth”.

At his teacher’s funeral, Don Bosco described his manifold, tireless pastoral activity: “His ardent charity inspired him to heroic courage”. And one of the secrets of such pastoral fruitfulness shows up in his ascetic commitment. “It was a familiar and frequent saying of his, especially in moral lectures: blessed is the priest who consumes his life for the good of souls, but especially blessed is the one who dies working for the glory of God; he will certainly receive a great reward from the Supreme Master for whom he works”.

This charitable and apostolic energy, translated into life choices, attitudes of detachment from self and sacrificial availability, fervent and intelligent hard work, was the main driving force at the Oratory. Don Bosco made it his programme of life: *Da mihi animas, caetera tolle*. He taught it to Dominic Savio as a special way to spiritual perfection; he pointed it out to his Salesians as the purpose of the Congregation: “The purpose of this Society”, he wrote around 1858-59 in one of the early drafts of the Salesian Constitutions “is to bring its members together, clerics and lay, so that they may become perfect by imitating the virtues of our Divine Saviour, especially His love for poor young people”.

#### **4. Total stripping of self and Salesian joy**

Again it is the *Memoirs of the Oratory* which offers us the clue to understanding the inseparable connection between the Salesian mission, confidence in God, ascetical life and hard work.

Faced with the need to choose between serving in Barolo’s work or the Oratory, Don Bosco had no doubt: “I’ve thought it over already, My Lady Marchioness. My life is consecrated to the good of young people. I thank

you for the offers you're making me, but I can't turn back from the path which Divine Providence has traced out for me”.

Those who were helping him thought it a silly choice: what could he do without financial resources? “Poor Don Bosco”, Fr. Borel cried, “his mind has flipped”. His health was seriously affected by too much work. The Marchioness wrote to Fr. Borel:

“Both the Superior at the Refuge and I have seen that his health is not allowing him to work. You will recall how many times I have asked him to look after his health and allow himself some rest etc. Don Bosco’s health got worse up until when I left for Rome; meanwhile he was working, got sick, was spitting blood. I was prepared to continue letting Don Bosco have his stipend so long as he did no more, and I am ready to keep to my word. Do you, Father, think that hearing confession, encouraging hundreds of boys is doing nothing?”.

Don Bosco could see the situation but felt lost: alone, abandoned by his helpers, “my energy gone, my health undermined, with no idea where I could gather my boys in the future”. But he did not stop. And a few weeks later his health collapsed and he was at death’s door.

After his convalescence he decided to go back to his boys. He suggested that his mother go with him: “If you think such a move is God's will, I'm ready to go right now” she told him. Once they had set up the Oratory home at Valdocco which was firstly just a place for educational and pastoral activities, it became a community of life. Telling us about this Don Bosco draws our attention to **four spiritual attitudes**.

The **first** is *readiness to promptly and generously do God’s will*, and this urges us to leave aside the thought of a peaceful life: “My mother made a great sacrifice. At home, even though we were not well off, she was in charge of everything, everyone loved her and to young and old she was a queen”.

The **second** was *trusting themselves unconditionally to Providence*, who

helped them detach themselves from material goods and just keep what helped their mission: “But how were we to live? What were we to eat? How could we pay the rent and supply the needs of the many children who constantly asked for bread, shoes, clothes, or shirts, which they needed to go to work? From home we had brought some wine, corn, beans, wheat, and so forth”.

The **third** attitude was *detachment from human affections*, even the most sacred ones, symbolically expressed through Margaret’s choice to sacrifice her wedding dress: “which up to then she had jealously preserved intact. From some of her dresses we made chasubles; from the linen we made amices, purificators, surplices, albs, and altar cloths. My mother also had a little gold necklace and some rings; they were quickly sold to buy braid and trimmings for the sacred vestments”. This separation from things that were dear to her, reminding her of a happy marriage, and all for the needs of the Oratory, takes on the meaning of unconditional consecration to the mission with a free heart.

And the **fourth** attitude is the *poverty of spirit* which transformed their efforts and privations into beatitude and joy: “My mother was always in good humour. One evening, she laughingly sang to me: *Woe to the world if it should learn we're just penniless strangers*”.

## **Salesian Saints of the month**

### **Bl. Joseph Calasanz and 31 Companions (Sep 22)**

Martyrs are the living monuments of our faith. Each and every martyr has left the world with a single but powerful message: to live and die for an eternal cause.

In 1930’s there was a disastrous civil war and religious persecution in Spain. During the years 1936 to 1939 the fight against the Church was at its worst, among the thousands of Spaniards who gave their life for Christ, some 100 belonged to the Salesian family. Of these the cause of 95

(Comprising of priests, clerics, coadjutors, FMA sisters, lay people, aspirants and co-operators) was taken up, and 32 (Joseph Calasanz and 31 companions) were beatified in 2001 by Pope John Paul II.

The Martyrdom of Blessed Joseph Calasanz and his 31 companions invite all of us to a fearless living out of our faith in the midst of persecutions.

### **Projects to be submitted**

Those who are sending projects from different Communities are requested to send them to the Provincial's office by 10<sup>th</sup> of every month.

### **Provincial Visitation**

Dear Confreres, I believe, the Provincial Visitation will be a great moment of grace to all of us. It will help us to run the province on sound and effective lines. I am sure at every stage you will cooperate with me to discern God's will for the community and the individual confrere. The list of the requirements for the Provincial Visitation is enclosed. The Annual Provincial Visitation will begin in the month of October.

### **Apostolic Penitentiary**

To celebrate the Bicentenary event in a worthy manner, dedicating it with a Jubilee year to Saint John Bosco, special initiatives will be held from the 16<sup>th</sup> of August this year until the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 in order to promote a lively devotion to St. John Bosco. In order that the faithful Christians who take part in these celebrations may receive more abundantly the gift of Jubilee indulgence.

The Apostolic Penitentiary, by special mandate of his Holiness Pope Francis, gladly grants the Jubilee Year with a plenary indulgence attached which, under the usual conditions (Sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) can be gained by members of the Salesian Family and all the faithful Christians

who are sorry for their sins and motivated by charity. The present disposition will be valid for the whole Jubilee year of St. John Bosco.

### **Administrators' Meet**

The meeting of the administrators will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad. All the administrators are requested to ensure that they are present for these two days of animation and planning to enhance the quality of our service. The meeting commences at 9am on 21<sup>st</sup> September and concludes on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 by 5pm. The list of the participants is enclosed.

### **Young Priests' Meet**

The meeting of the Young Priests' will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad. All the Young Priests' are requested to ensure that they are present for these two days of animation. The list of the participants is enclosed.

### **Condolences**

❖ **Mr. Inna Reddy (67)** the beloved father of Fr. Thathireddy Vijaya Bhaskar (Vice Provincial) passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at Reddypuram in Nalgonda Dt. The funeral was at 3.30 pm on the same day. Let us continue to pray for his soul and for his near and dear ones.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS - September 2014:**

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| ❖ September 01      | Blessing and Inauguration of MHOC Church at Nalgonda |
| ❖ September 21 – 22 | Administrator's Meet                                 |
| ❖ September 23 – 24 | Young Priests Meet                                   |
| ❖ September 27      | Provincial Council                                   |

### **Conclusion: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

On 8<sup>th</sup> September we celebrate the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed

Virgin Mary. The birth of Mary was miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of His Son. The birth of Mary shows us the special intervention of God in her life right at the beginning. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had chosen her to become the mother of His Son.

While the nativity shows and inspires us to be like Mary, the bearers of Christ ourselves, the Holy Rosary calls us to meditate on the events associated with the Incarnation, Mission, Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Faithful to our Salesian traditions let us make the best of these opportunities to increase our faith in Christ and in our filial devotion to the great Mother of Christ. Let us entrust the year of Bicentenary to Her so that she may guide us to be faithful sons of Don Bosco. Wish you all a very happy feast of Our lady.

Yours Affectionately in Don Bosco,

*Fr. R. Balaraju*



**Fr Ramedini Balaraju sdb**

**Provincial**

**TRAVELOGUE OF THE PROVINCIAL****September - 2014**

<b>September</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>01</b>	Blessing and Inauguration of MHOC Church at Nalgonda
<b>02</b>	Visit to Don Bosco Guntupalli
<b>03</b>	Visit to Navajeevan, Vijayawada
<b>07 - 08</b>	Visit to Navanirman, Muniguda
<b>11</b>	Visit to Pezzonipet
<b>12</b>	Visit to Don Bosco, Mangalagiri
<b>14 - 18</b>	YaR governing body meet. Chandigarah
<b>19</b>	BIRDY, Hyderabad
<b>20</b>	DBPH – Don Bosco Provincial House
<b>21 - 22</b>	Administrator's Meet
<b>23 - 24</b>	Young Priests Meet
<b>27</b>	Provincial Council
<b>29</b>	St. John's Regional Seminary - Kondadaba
<b>30</b>	Don Bosco Mission - Narsipatnam

**Travelogue of the Fr. Vice-Provincial**

<b>September</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>01</b>	Blessing and Inauguration of MHOC Church at Nalgonda
<b>05</b>	Don Bosco - Kurnool
<b>06</b>	St. Anthony's - Kadapa
<b>08</b>	Don Bosco - Punganur
<b>09</b>	KJC - Bangalore
<b>10</b>	Don Bosco Mission - Rapthadu
<b>12</b>	DBPH – House Council
<b>13-14</b>	DBYA – Groups and Movement's Meet
<b>16</b>	Don Bosco – Chandur
<b>17</b>	Don Bosco Academy – Nalgonda
<b>19</b>	Gender Sensitivity Seminar – Ramanthapur
<b>20</b>	DBPH – Don Bosco Provincial House – Provincial Visitation
<b>21</b>	Gender Sensitivity Seminar – Ramanthapur, Administrator's Meet
<b>22</b>	Administrator's Meet
<b>23 - 24</b>	Young Priests Meet
<b>25</b>	Don Bosco School - Bandlaguda
<b>26</b>	Don Bosco School - Sanathnagar
<b>27</b>	Provincial Council
<b>30</b>	Don Bosco Mission - Muniguda

**ADMINISTRATORS' MEET 2014-2015**  
**PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH HYDERABAD**  
**September 21<sup>st</sup> (9.30 am) – 22<sup>nd</sup> (4.30 pm)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name's</b>	<b>Community</b>
01	Fr. Alex Jeyaraj	Kollapur – DB Mission
02	Fr. Androth Jose	Gunadala
03	Fr. Benny Joseph	Hyderabad – BIRDY
04	Fr. Bobba Joji Prasad	Ongole
05	Fr. Cheruvatur James	Hyd – St. Theresa's Church,
06	Fr. Chinnabathuni Showrilu	Don Bosco Provincial House
07	Fr. Emprayil Mathew	Kurnool
08	Fr. Gangarapu Anil	Nuzvid
09	Fr. Goli Suman Showry	Kondadaba
10	Fr. Gopu Peter Reddy	Mangalagiri
11	Fr. Govindu Joseph	Hyd – Sanathnagar
12	Fr. Guntaka Mariyanna	Guntupalli
13	Fr. Kowju Melchior Raju	Guntur
14	Fr. Kuthanapallil Sebastian	Narsipatnam
15	Fr. Lingampalli Ashok	Raptadu
16	Fr. Mattukoyya Mariadas	Ponnur
17	Fr. Thumma Vijaya Prathap	Karunapuram
18	Fr. Muthalakuzhiyil Sebastian	Ravulapalem
19	Fr. Nali Anthaiah	Chandur
20	Fr. Narisetty Arogya Sagar	Patsala Tadiparru
21	Fr. Pandicherry Joseph	Pezzonipet
22	Fr. Putti Anthaiah	Manoharabad
23	Fr. Rayappan Thomas Aquinas	Muniguda
24	Fr. Reddimasu Anil Kumar	Mariapuram
25	Fr. Sangipagi Shantha Murthy	Punganur
26	Fr. Valiaparambil James	Wyra
27	Fr. Vatti Balashowreddy	Nalgonda
28	Fr. Vettathukandathil Phillip	Ramanthapur
29	Fr. Yeruva Pradeep Reddy	Vijayawada, DBNJ
30	Fr. Yetukuri Sleevaraju	Kadapa

**List of the Priests of the Quinquennium (2009-2014)****PROVINCE OF ST. JOSEPH HYDERABAD****(23<sup>rd</sup> Sep. 9.30 am to 24<sup>th</sup> Sep. 5.00pm)**

1. Fr. Yerva Arogya Reddy
2. Fr. Gopu Peter
3. Fr. Mattukoyya Mariadas
4. Fr. Rayappan Thomas Aquinas
5. Fr. Godugunuru Chinnappa
6. Fr. Govindu Joseph
7. Fr. Pasala Bhaskar
8. Fr. Yeruva Pradeep
9. Fr. Narisetty Arogya Raju
10. Fr. Pitchaimuthu Arul Das
11. Fr. Yandava Kalyan Kumar
12. Fr. Benny Joseph
13. Fr. Vattigunta Ignatius
14. Fr. Reddimasu Anil Kumar
15. Fr. Kowju Melchior
16. Fr. Neelam Ratna
17. Fr. Thalla Wilson
18. Fr. Lingampalli Ashok
19. Fr. Goli Suman Showry

**REQUIRMENTS FOR THE PROVINCIAL VISITATION 2014 - 2015****To be prepared for the provincial visitation****Province of St Joseph - Hyderabad**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Task to be done</b>	<b>Responsible Person</b>	<b>Comment</b>
1.	Community project of life – <b>Evaluation of its implementation (CPL)</b>	Rector and Community	
2.	The Educative and Pastoral Plan of the Community (EPP) – <b>Evaluation of its implementation</b>	Rector and Community	
3.	Minutes of the House Council (A Summary <b>Report</b> of the principal deliberations since the last Extraordinary Visitation)	Rector and Council	
4.	Minutes of the House Assembly	Rector	
5.	<b>Report</b> of how the recommendations of the last Provincial Visitation have been carried out in the community	Rector and Community	
6.	Mass Register	Rector	
7.	Chronicle of the House	Rector	
8.	Assessment of the apostolic efficacy of the community	Rector and council	
9.	Assessment of the Religious life and growth of the community (compiled by the Rector)	Local Delegate of the Salesian Family	
10.	Present situation of the community, its chief problems and needs, and future plans	Rector and Community	
11.	Vocation Plan	Rector and Community	
12.	Annual Financial Budget and Implementation	Administrator	
13.	List of Development projects and Sustainability Plan of the Community	Administrator	
14.	<b>Report</b> of the Groups and Associations animated by the community (e.g. Cooperators, Past-pupils, etc.)	Rector	
15.	Types of apostolate and Activities and number of beneficiaries for this year and from the beginning of the presence.	Rector and incharges of sectors and activities	
16.	Relevant statistics of the school / parish / oratory in which the community is engaged	Rector and Community	
17.	Plan of the Community on the way ahead of GC 27	Rector and Community	
18.	Update Bio Data of the individual confreres	Confreres	
19.	Special programme conducted for youth	Rector and Community	
20.	Contribution to Kaburulu – BIS Correspondent	BIS Reporter	
21.	Brochure of the Institute	Rector	
22.	Bi-Centenary Plan of the community	Rector and Community	
23.	Child protection policy implementation	Rector and Community	