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Dear Confreres,

Greetings of peace and joy from Don Bosco Provincial House, Hyderabad! I would like to thank each one of you for your prayerful support for the success of the GC 27. I bring you the greetings and blessings of our New Rector Major Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime. During the leaders meeting and region-wise meetings in June 2014, Fr. Vice-Provincial and I will be presenting the Chapter document.

Here I am with some excerpts from a recently-made-available book by Fr. Aldo Giraud sdb, "St. John Bosco, Teachings on Spiritual life"... continuing on the February Circular.

Don Bosco's Spiritual Sensitivity and keys for interpreting his teaching.

As we have seen in Don Bosco's life, in his sense of humanity and also from the experience of those entrusted to him, that the consequence of this choice was the gradual maturing of strong, pleasant personalities who also showed free spirit and were faithful, obedient and happy. They were strong-willed and able to stand up to adversity, were pro-active and had foresight, the ability to look beyond. They were kind and loving and ready to give of themselves for their neighbour.

This is all the result of accompaniment, of education to awareness including self-awareness (neither scrupulous nor anxious),

of formation to self-control through constant effort – both combative and gentle – of self-sacrifice and service of one’s neighbour. It was also the result of a balanced mortification of the senses, purification of the heart and the exercise of virtue. It was the result of a spiritual *mystagogy* which could introduce them to prayer and being interiorly affectionate to God. He would gradually form in them an attitude of joyful obedience to the divine will which is also translated into humble evangelical witness and the desire to be apostolic. And finally it led to vocational commitment and service of Church and society.

From this point of view then we could speak more of Don Bosco's ascetic approach than of a mystic one, even though the central dynamic was purely God's love in practice and even though the style of piety and devotion he fostered featured perfect unity of action and contemplation. It could not be otherwise given the very nature of this active but also contemplative apostle of modernity, given his aim to be salt, light and leaven of the Gospel in the earthly city in view of the heavenly one.

4. Whoever reads the anthology will soon notice certain things he insisted on, a number of recurring themes. They are distinctive features of Don Bosco, such as his “*servite Domino in laetitia*”; such as his insistence on the centrality of obedience as a way to be perfectly conformed to Christ through self-giving; such as his emphasis on the “beautiful virtue”, the virtue of chastity, pledge of human and Christian maturity and the way to achieve a general balance between emotions and a loving but real intimacy with God who is loved above all else. Then there is the pedagogical value he placed on the sacraments, the way he fostered devotion to Mary as being inseparable from a decisive inner orientation towards virtuous perfection in active correspondence to the work of grace. We can add

zeal for the glory of God, a spirit of prayer, the exercising of daily virtues, zeal for the Eucharist and the apostolate, a devotion to Our Lady that could enkindle in a young heart the desire for the highest perfection as noted by Fr. Caviglia.

We can also include here his insistence on frequenting the sacraments and on the role of the confessor-educator, the friend of the soul, who once he has earned the trust and confidence of the youngster, teaches him the art of examining his conscience, educates him to perfect contrition, encourages effective good resolutions, guides him along paths of purification and virtue, introduces him to a taste for prayer and recognition of God's presence, teaches ways to strike up a fruitful communion with Christ in the Eucharist. Frequent Confession and Communion are intimately bound up with Don Bosco's spiritual pedagogy. Consistent and regular Confession fosters a life "in God's grace" and nurtures a potential for virtue which permits the individual to approach communion more frequently and worthily. At the same time it creates a situation where God can directly take possession of the heart through the Eucharistic communion because grace finds the ideal inner conditions for being effective, transforming and sanctifying.

These are features which permeate all of Don Bosco's spiritual magisterium. The spirituality of the Salesian Religious (male and female) is similarly permeated with this. The decisive giving of self to God which was proposed to young people finds in religious consecration its more radical, total movement, highlighting the absolute primacy of God and the concrete demands of unconditional following of Christ as expressed in the profession of the vows and a desire to conform oneself to the Christ who was both the offering as well as the sacrifice. The substance is the same.

Some keys for interpreting Don Bosco's spiritual view of things

Today's reader, tackling Don Bosco's texts, is aware that he was writing for the young people, adults and religious of his time. There is no doubt that it continues to be stimulating for us today too but we sense the cultural and spiritual gap. The reading challenges our capacity for interpretation, stimulates our active cooperation, appeals to our historical, cultural and theological understanding... So to reduce the complexity, I believe it is convenient to indicate six *keys for interpretation* which can be of use for entering into Don Bosco's spiritual sensitivity and outlook and for helping today's reader to reformulate the identifying aspects of his spirituality within other cultural contexts and different theological perspectives.

1. First interpretative key: Don Bosco, (we see it in his writings and concrete choices) has *a religious notion of history*. In his way of seeing things, human history and the heart of each individual are the place for God's salvific action in an ongoing dialectic between time and eternity, grace and weakness, sin and redemption. The God of the Bible, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, is not a distant God looking down on events from on high: *he is close, active, involved* in human affairs; his Spirit fills the earth and gives it life, is at work in it, makes it fruitful. Don Bosco is also convinced that the blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ was not poured out in vain for the salvation of mankind. Grace and God's love for man are stronger than any kind of evil, resistance, opposition. Man, no matter how fragile and sinful he is, has not been abandoned to his own devices. The Creator, in Jesus our Saviour and Redeemer, bends in our direction not only to save us but also to sanctify us, transfigure us, unite us to himself in love. This is why Don Bosco has unconditional trust in God and the power of his grace: in the God who gave himself totally to us, who offers His

Only-begotten Son as a sacrifice on the cross so that no one will be lost, and so that all may be his children. Therefore, do not doubt. He writes to a discouraged parish priest in 1878: [You say to me:] “Am I good for nothing? [And I reply:] *Omnia possum in eo qui me confortat.* ... are these difficult times? 'God's assistance has never failed: *Christus heri et hodie*”.

2. Second interpretative key. From this theological perspective and undoubted faith in God comes his *trust in the human being's inner resources, his optimistic outlook on education and pastoral activity, and his outstanding spiritual pedagogy.* The weakest, poorest, most difficult, distracted and boisterous lad in Don Bosco's view can keep intact the nature and heart of the God who created him in His image and likeness. Every young person can feel, deep within, a nostalgia for Our Father in heaven and the need he has to respond to his appeals. As the creature of a God who is love, charity, every young person is ontologically (natively) open to love. The youngster has a huge need to love and to be loved, is sensitive to love given freely, to sacrifice, disinterested friendship, kindness, personal attention and individual care, to positive human relationships. As an educator and pastor Don Bosco trusted this inner dynamic. It was on the basis of this certainty that he questioned himself, got down to work, experimented, never took a step back, never despaired, went out to meet, dialogue, propose, showed trust in, encouraged, was patient and also persistent, fought: or to sum it all up, educated, formed, instructed, accompanied and assisted.

3. Third interpretative key. Don Bosco was also *convinced that he was called and sent by God for the salvation of the young.* We can be sure he had received a vocation for a special mission in the church and the world. A vocation that – as he often said when talking

to his sons and members of the Salesian Family – is ours too. He felt that he was a humble but necessary and effective instrument of divine grace. And this is why he became Father, brother, friend so that he could get young people to see God as father, mother, friend. This awareness, this faith in the mission he had received gave him courage and hope, because he knew that the Lord's help would never be lacking: the call and the mission included the charism, the grace he needed to be effective. This awareness also infused in him a *strong sense of responsibility*. As he had learned from Fr. Cafasso, the pastor and everyone with a vocation to be educator and evangeliser has to render strict account to God for the sheep entrusted to him or her. These are the reasons that induced Don Bosco to make himself unconditionally available as a tool in God's hands and to throw himself completely into the mission. He wanted to reach out to everyone. His idea was to communicate to each person the fire of faith and love that was in him. He wanted to win everyone over to God, convinced that in this way he could cooperate effectively in transforming humanity, in being a Christian leaven in history and thus help “save” society as well as individuals.

4. **Fourth interpretative key.** Formed in a *strongly testimonial style of pastoral and educational activity*, Don Bosco knew through experience and taught that we, educator/pastor, can only communicate to others what we ourselves have: faith, charity, hope, spirit of prayer, uprightness, moral example and holiness of life. These are irresistibly attractive, power channels for communicating an effective formative proposal. This is how he acted and this is what he taught his closest collaborators, adults or young people from the earliest moments of the Oratory.

5. Fifth interpretative key. Of course none of this meant he did not need to have a method, a pastoral strategy, an educational “system”. If Don Bosco insisted with his boys that they “give themselves to God at an early age”, and that it was wonderful to do so then and not wait till they were adults or elderly, he also told his educators and pastors that it was essential *to win over the hearts and confidence of young people by using all the resources of the Preventive System.* He also taught them that they should not be afraid to immediately invite them, but in a meaningful, fascinating way, to live clearly as Christians and offer them a substantial youthful spirituality. So things had to be done gradually for sure; it requires a pedagogy of spiritual life. Favourable circumstances have to be created; shaping educational settings that are beautiful, stimulating, calm, full of invitations and good, lively human experiences adapted to making these invitations meaningful. Details, the little things needed to be looked after, important moments well-organised, significant experiences offered, structured processes and steps, planning, organisation, regulation, scheduling, careful and timely evaluation... are all important. And it is especially important to focus attention on the young person, invest time and effort in personal relationships with the individual, look after him and also look after groups other than the larger youthful community, guarantee effective assistance [as we Salesians understand it] and personalised accompaniment. Here we can understand his care in forming well-structured educative and pastoral communities, his insistence on the personal commitment of the educators and on their zeal and hard work.

6. Sixth interpretative key. We also need to keep another thing in mind, something very important in Don Bosco's time and which is critical today, especially in the West: *trust and openness to the*

future, an inclination to succeed and belief in transcendence and our ultimate destiny. **These were typical traits of Don Bosco's, his way of living in faith and planning his educational and pastoral activity, but they were also characteristic of the cultural setting and outlook of his boys. There was reliance in his time on the “magnificent and progressive (future)” – as poet Giacomo Leopardi puts it in his *La ginestra* [The Broom] (1836). In other words there was belief in the possibilities and the ability that man had to progress, improve, the tendency to achieve better social positions and better circumstances in economic, moral, spiritual and civil life. There was undoubted faith in progress.**

Don Bosco also shared this, but from an exquisitely evangelical point of view. He was convinced that every young person, especially if poor, could be educated to look ahead, hope, want to be redeemed morally and spiritually, to win out in the end, improve; each individual needed to be encouraged to be open, to face up to hard work, struggle, nourish hope in powerful ways; each one had to be educated to go looking for what was needed, go beyond self, get out of one's small personal world, limited horizons and head for something beyond, better, aim for tomorrow, a temporal and eternal paradise. But one needed to be especially open to the otherness of the Transcendent, the God who is love, for only He can help us realise our deepest yearnings and achieve salvation. Don Bosco knew very well how to direct them towards this, in terms of their religious leanings and also outright holiness, Christian perfection as well as in secular terms of responsible and competent citizenship.

I trust that with these coordinates and these main interpretative keys to reading Don Bosco's texts, his teachings on spiritual life can be very stimulating for the Salesian Family.

SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO: (6 May)

Dominic Savio was born at Riva di Chieri, Italy on 2 April 1842, into a poor family, yet a family that was rich when it came to religious values. He was totally dedicated to God and from a very young age, showed signs of holiness. At Valdocco, he discovered the higher perspectives of the life he was called to live, the road to holiness and understood well the self-donation to God that he needed to make. His life was lived in joy, nourished with great devotion to the sacraments and to our Blessed Mother. He was canonized a saint on 12 June 1954.

SAINT MARY MAZZARELLO: (13 May)

Saint Mary Mazzarello is the fertile root of the tree of feminine Salesianity, not only sharing in the charism of foundation but also being herself endowed with an outstanding gift of the Holy Spirit springing forth as a new foundation. The title of co-foundress therefore is the one which gives her the greatest prominence, because it denotes the position which is uniquely and specifically hers. In fact, Mary Mazzarello is not just the cornerstone and the first superior of the Institute but also the one who, in virtue of a special gift of the Holy Spirit integrates, completes, enriches and gives a specifically feminine touch to Don Bosco's charismatic action in founding the Institute.

She generated life because she knew to die to herself like her Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Today if she wears the crown of unfading glory it is because she lived constantly under the shadow of the cross. Let us learn from the school of our master, the Lord of creation and the world around us that only by dying to ourselves can we rise to a new life and color the world with love as did our saint.

SAINT LEONARD MURIALDO: (18 May)

He was amongst those fostering the first popular Catholic Libraries and Catholic Workers Unions, and would be their ecclesiastical assistant for many years. In 1873, with the support of some helpers, he founded the Congregation of Saint Joseph (Giuseppini of Murialdo). Their apostolic purpose was the education of youth, especially the poor and abandoned. He opened oratories, technical schools, family homes for young workers including young farmers, and took on further commitment in lay associations, especially in the field of technical formation of the young and printing works. His motto was: *fare e tacere*. He was a spiritual person and a man of prayer, a contemplative in action like Don Bosco.

Appreciation and Congratulations:

On behalf of the Province of St. Joseph, Hyderabad we thank Fr. Pascual Chavez Villeneuve, the outgoing Rector Major, for his service to the Congregation.

The 27th General Chapter elected Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime, Provincial of Argentina South, as the tenth Successor of Don Bosco. He is 53 years old and was born on 21 August 1960 at Gozon – Luanco, Spain. He made his first profession on 3 September 1978, his perpetual profession on 17 June 1984 and was ordained priest on 4 July 1987. Originally from Leon Province, he was youth ministry delegate, rector of the school at Ourense, member of the council and vice provincial and from 2000 to 2006, Provincial of Leon. He was a member of the technical commission in preparation for General chapter 26. In 2009 he was appointed provincial in Argentine South, a task he carried out until now. He has a Doctorate in Pastoral Theology and a Licence in Philosophy and Pedagogy.

Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga : Regional Councillor for South Asia

He participated in the 24th, 25th and 26th General Chapters. At GC 26 he was elected the Regional Councillor for South Asia. He was a member of the Pre-chapter commission for GC 27. He was re-elected as the Regional for South Asia. We congratulate him and wish him God's blessings in his ministry.

Fr. Ivo Coelho : Councillor for Formation

GC 27 elected Fr. Ivo Coelho as the New Councillor General for Formation. He is currently Rector of the Salesian Theological centre at Ratisbonne in Jerusalem. He was born on 15 October 1958 in Mumbai, India. He entered the Salesian novitiate of Yercaud in 1976, made his first Profession on 24 May 1977. He was ordained a priest on 27 December 1987 at Panjim. In 1994 he obtained a doctorate in Philosophy from the Gregorian University in Rome. He served as the Provincial of Mumbai in the intervening years. In 2007 and 2008 he was part of the pre-chapter commission for the 26 GC in which he participated and acted as moderator.

Fr. Guillermo Bassunes : Councillor for Missions

GC 27 elected Fr. Guillermo Bassunes as the Councillor for Missions. He was born on 19 October 1965 in Washington, USA. He made his novitiate in La Plata, Argentina. His first profession was on 31 January 1986 and his Perpetual profession on 24 November 1991 in Buenos Aires. He was ordained a priest on 12 August 1995. He was a member of the pre-chapter commission for GC 26 and at that chapter he was elected the councilor for the Africa – Madagascar Region.

Fr. Stefano Martoglio : Councillor for the New Mediterranean Region

He was up to now Superior of the Special Circumscription of Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta. He was born in Turin on 30 November 1965. He made his first profession in 1985 and was ordained priest in 1994. In 2008 he was appointed superior of the special circumscription of Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta. He is councillor for the newly established Mediterranean region which was set up as a result of the decision taken by GC 27 as part of the reconfiguration of the Salesian presence in Europe. The new region consists of the circumscription of Central Italy and that of Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta together with the Italian Provinces of Lombardy and Emilia, Southern Italy, North East Italy and Sicily, plus the Middle-east, Portugal and the current Spanish provinces of Barcelona, Bilbao, Leon, Madrid, Seville and Valencia. These six provinces will be reduced to just two: Spain central, North and east and Spain Mediterranean.

Fr. Timothy Ploch : Councillor for the Inter- American Region

He was the Provincial of the Western Province, USA up to now. He is a US citizen, born in 1946. He made his first profession in 1965 and was ordained priest in 1976. In 2009 he was appointed the provincial of the western province of USA. He participated in the 22nd and 24th GC and most recently he was part of the pre-chapter commission for GC 27.

Fr. Tadeusz Rozmus : Councillor for the new region of central

He was born on 29 April 1957 in Bielsko – Biala in Poland. He entered the novitiate of Kopiec in 1975, made his first profession there on 22 August 1976 and his perpetual profession at the Salesian

house of San Tarcisio in Rome on 16 September 1984. He was ordained priest in Krakow on 18 June 1986. He was up to now the Rector of the Salesian community of Perugia and was previously Provincial of Krakow in Poland. He will be councilor for the New Region of Central and Northern Europe. The region includes: Austria, Belgium North, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Southern Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Ireland, Poland–Wroclaw, Slovakia, Slovenia and the special circumscription of Ukraine.

Fr. Vaclav Klement : Regional Councillor for East Asia – Oceania

He has returned to the region where he was councilor for East Asia and Oceania. At the 26 GC he was elected councilor for the missions.

Fr. Americo Raul Chaquisse : Africa – Madagascar (New Regional)

He was the superior of the Vice – Province of Mozambique. He is the first African councilor for the region. He was born on 23 Feb 1966 in Maputo. He made his first profession on 30 January 1986. He was ordained priest in Maputo on 11 August 1996. He participated in the 26 GC and in June 2012 he became Superior of the Vice – Province of Mozambique. From February 2013 he combined this office with that of Delegate for Evangelization.

GENERAL COUNCILLORS:

S.No	Name	Designation
01	Rev. Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime	Rector Major
02	Rev. Fr. Cereda Francesco	Vicar General
03	Rev. Br. Jean Paul Muller	Economer General
04	Rev. Fr. Fabio Attard	Youth Apostlate
05	Rev. Fr. Filberto Gonzalez	Social Communication

06	Rev. Fr. Ivo Coelho	Formation
07	Rev. Fr. Guillermo Basanes	Salesian Missions
08	Rev. Fr. Americo Chaquisse	Africa – Madagascar (New Regional)
09	Rev. Fr. Natale Vitali	America South (Regional)
10	Rev. Fr. Vaclav Klement	East Asia – Oceania (New / Old Regional)
11	Rev. Fr. Tim Ploch	Inter America (New Regional)
12	Rev. Fr. Stefano Martoglio	Mediterranean (New Region, New Regional)
13	Rev. Fr. Tadeusz Rozmus	North – Central Europe (New Regional)
14	Rev. Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga	South Asia (Regional)

Canonization of two Popes:

John XXIII, who was pope from 1958 – 1963 and John Paul II, who led the Catholic Church from 1978 – 2005, were canonized on 27 April 2014 at Rome

The testimonies of their lives, “completely dedicated to proclaim the Gospel, shine in the church and reverberate in the history of the world as examples of hope and Light”. Let us praise and thank God for these two great saints of the church and may their lives inspire us to be true evangelizers by our witnessing Life.

Apostolic Administrator of Jowai :

Archbishop Thomas Menampampil took up a new assignment on February 3, 2014 as the Apostolic Administrator of Jowai. The appointment made by Pope Francis was announced at Jowai on 3 February 2014 Monday 4.30 pm. The Diocese of Jowai in Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya (created on 28th January 2006) is a young and fast growing diocese.

Vocation camp 2014 at Don Bosco Gunadala, Vijayawada:

The first vocation camp was held at Don Bosco Gunadala, Vijawada on 24 to 30 April and the second camp will be held from 13 to 19 May 2014. I request you to pray for all the candidates who will be participating in this camp. On behalf of the entire province, I thank Fr. Yeruva Joji, our Vocation promoter, for contacting and following up the candidates. I also exhort the leaders of the different communities and all Salesians to be always alert to find and motivate youth who show signs of the call in all our settings.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Renewal of Vows:

Confreres in temporary profession and due for renewal will have a day of recollection (May 22) and renew their vows on the next day at the Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda during the Holy Eucharist at 6.30 am. The list of those who will be renewing is enclosed.

First professions:

The First profession will be held at Sacred Heart Novitiate on 24 May 2014, during the Holy Mass at 6.30 am. Ten novices of our Province will be making their first profession. We thank the Lord for the gift of these young men who are joining our province. We congratulate them wholeheartedly and welcome them joyfully into our province. I take this opportunity to thank the Novice Master and the community of Manoharabad for their efforts and hard work in preparing these young men to understand and accept the divine call.

Another batch of youngsters, (19 of them) will be commencing their novitiate on May 23, 2014. We wish them all the best in discerning God's holy will in their lives.

Perpetual Profession:

Cl. Boddu Charan Kumar and Cl. Jinugu Vidyasagar will make their perpetual profession on 24 May 2014 also at the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Manoharabad at 6.30 am. As we wish them the very best in their Religious life we also thank them for their generosity in committing themselves to the Lord in perpetuity, in the Salesian way. A word of thanks to their parents, dear ones and all their formators who have helped them arrive at this important decision.

Diaconate Ordination:

On 1 May Cl. Parry Rayulu (Sarath Babu) will be ordained deacon in Benediktbeuern, Germany. We congratulate him and also support him with our prayers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - MAY 2014:

- ❖ May 10 - Inauguration of Sabbavaram Technical School**
- ❖ May 23 - 6.30 am Renewal of Professions at DB Shrine, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad**
- ❖ May 24 - 6.30 am Perpetual and first profession - Manoharabad.**
- ❖ May 24 - 6.00 pm - Holy Eucharist - Golden Jubilee of the Salesian presence in AP at St. Michael's Boys Home, Guntur.**

Summer Formation Course at Don Bosco BIRDY, Hyderabad:

The annual summer formation course (SFC) for the Brothers doing the Practical Training or college studies will start on 10 May. The Brothers are expected to reach BIRDY by 4 pm. The course concludes on 20 May. A picnic on 21 May. On 22, a day of recollection and on 23 Morning 6.30 a m renewals in Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda. The contact person will be the Rector of Birdy,

Fr. Koonananickal Jose. The list of participants in the Summer Formation Course is enclosed.

Meeting of the Rectors and In-charges:

The annual meeting of the Leaders (Rectors / In-charges / Parish Priests/ Animation Center heads) will be held on June 3 & 4. The meeting commences at 9.30 am on 3 June, 2014 and concludes by 5.00 pm on 4 June.

Apostolic Assignments 2014 - 2015 - First List

With this circular I am happy to announce the first list of Apostolic Assignments. I sincerely thank you, dear confreres, for having accepted the new tasks in various communities with a sense of availability and dedication to carry forward the mission of Don Bosco in our Province. I thank the confreres who have served the province fulfilling various responsibilities until now and have laid down office. May the Lord continue to bless them in their future ministry. May we all welcome the confreres who come to the communities newly with an open mind and make them feel at home true to our Salesian Family Spirit.

Thanks to the Outgoing Rector:

I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing rector: Fr. Thennattil Johny . May the Lord bless him abundantly for his dedicated service in the Province. I wish him all the best in his new assignment.

Best Wishes to the Practical Trainees:

We also welcome our young confreres who are already out of their respective studentates having completed their immediate post-

novitiate formation, to begin their practical training. I wish them all the best as they begin this important phase of their formation and exhort the communities, wherever they are sent, to assist them in deepening their Salesian Vocation.

Welcome back to Fr. Michel Jayaraj Alex from Rome :

Fr. Michel Jayaraj Alex defended his thesis on the theme “Faith formation of the Banjaras in Christian family values: a cultural catechetical approach in the context of Andhra Pradesh, India”. On 9th April 2014, he has completed successfully with “*Magna Cum Laude*”. We congratulate him and welcome him back to the province and wish him fruitful ministry.

Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Salesian Presence in A.P:

On 24 May 2014 we commemorate the 50 years of our presence in Guntur. We raise our hearts and minds in thanksgiving to the Lord for the manifold blessings He has showered upon us during the past 50 years.

The Holy mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Gali Bali the Bishop of Guntur at 6.00 pm in St. Michael’s Boys Home, Guntur. We celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Salesian presence in Andhra Pradesh as well as the Silver Jubilee of Sahayamatta parish, Guntur.

Let us ask our heavenly patron, St. Joseph and our founder, Don Bosco, to continually assist us in being men aflame with zeal to encounter Christ daily. I would like to request all the leaders to celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians on 23rd in your respective communities, so that all can take part in the glorious moments of the communion and fraternal witness of our Province.

Mother Mary is the help of every individual Christian. Mary has always responded by helping Christians throughout the ages. Don Bosco was never tired of repeating that it was Our Lady who wanted the Church and that she herself, after having even marked the spot where it was to rise, also provided the means necessary.

For Don Bosco, Mary Help of Christians was his guide, teacher and mother. He attributed all his success to the maternal intervention of Mary in his Life. As faithful sons of Don Bosco, it is our privilege to celebrate in a very fitting manner the feast of our Blessed Mother, Mary Help of Christians. May Mary, our Mother, teach us to be always faithful to our commitment and to be generous in the service of the poor and the needy. Wish you all a very Happy Feast of Mary Help of Christians.

Yours Affectionately in Don Bosco,

Fr Raminedi Balaraju sdb

Provincial

Enclosures:

1. List of participants for the Summer Formation Program.
2. List of those due for renewal of vows
3. List of Rectors and In-charges (3 June to 4 June)
4. Apostolic Assignment 2014 – 2015 (First list)