Throughout the years the Salesian Institute has had wonderful hands at the helm, steering the Salesian ship in the same direction and with the same force of St. John Bosco. The first in leadership was our very own, St. John Bosco, followed by our very saintly Don Rua.

Throughout the years, the successors of St. John Bosco have handed on the torch of holiness, faithful to the tradition and legacy left us by St. John Bosco.

Fr. Pascual Chavez, the ninth successor of St. John Bosco finished his twelve year term. It was time to choose the tenth successor. On Monday, March 25th, on Mary’s feastday of the Annunciation, the tenth successor of St. John Bosco was elected. His name is Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime... He likes to be called Angel. Let us take Fr. Pascual’s parting words to heart. As the loving father that he is he asks us to turn to Fr. Angel to, “listen to him, love him, obey him, pray for him as you did for me”.

May Mary Help of Christians, Mother and teacher of Don Bosco and each one of us, guide and accompany us as we live out St. John Bosco’s dream of “loving to learn and learning to love” through REASON, RELIGION– loving GOD and loving one another with LOVING KINDNESS!

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~Fr. Pascual Chavez
The 17th Congress of Salesian Schools of “CIMAC-MESOAMERICA”, the interprovincial and intercontinental Commission representing the Salesian Provinces of the USA, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Haiti, Costa Rica, Colombia, El Salvador, and Santo Domingo, took place at Mary Immaculate Provincial House, February 17–21st, in San Antonio, TX. The topic of the conference was “GO AND TEACH: Communication and Evangelization.”

Sr. Patricia King, the Provincial of Mary Immaculate Province and President of the Interprovincial Conference of NAC (West and East USA, and Canada), welcomed the 26 FMA, SDB, and layperson representatives who work in Salesian Schools. A special video message to the group was shown by Sr. Maria del Carmen Canales, General Councillor for Youth Pastoral of the FMA. Fr. Miguel Ángel García, SDB Delegate of the Youth Pastoral Department and Sr. Sara Sierra, FMA, Delegate for Schools from the Youth Pastoral Department animated the days.

The presentation, "Performance Standards for the Accreditation of Salesian Schools in the United States", and strengthening the "Network of Salesian Schools in the USA” was led by Bill Goodman, Coordinator of Education for SDB schools of California. Also included were "Guidelines to Accompany Teachers (School and Professional formation) in Light of the Re-reading of the Preventive System", presented by Fr. Miguel Angel Garcia. "The Apostolic Exhortation 'Joy of the Gospel' in the Processes of Teaching-Learning Religion" was presented by Sr. Sara Sierra, FMA. "Communication Today, Beyond 2.0: Virtual Scenes, Youth Culture, Media Citizenship" was presented by communications expert, Sr. Susana Li, coordinator of ECOSAM.
The coordinators of the event were assisted locally by Sr. Mary Mullaly, Director of Education and Mission Integration for Mary Immaculate Province, and Rosario Davila, a past pupil, teacher, and administrator in our FMA Salesian Schools, currently a principal and a lay member of CIMAC for many years who specializes in education.

The participants acknowledged and appreciated the warm hospitality they received during their visit, including that demonstrated by the Sisters, young and “not so young,” of the Provincial House community. All in all, the conference proved to be solidly informational and formational, and a positive and inspirational experience for all involved. Thank you, Sr. Martina, and community of the Provincial House for helping to make our house a “home for all!”

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Meet our 2014 VIDES Volunteer Missioners

You are a Blessing!

Thank you for your service!

Your Time is Appreciated!

Claire M. Luby
Mission: Gyseni, Rwanda
From: Cincinatti, OH
Degree: Communications
Length of Service: 3 - 4 Months
Interests: Working with at-risk girls/women, teaching
Language(s): English, Spanish

Colleen M. Bennett
Mission: MHC (SDB) Tampa, FL
From: Monroe, NY
Degree: BS in Counseling & Human Services
Length of Service: 6 Months
Interests: Working with children, education, open to other service
Language(s): English

David Sanabria
Mission: Geneva
From: Perris, CA
Degree: 2 yrs. at Moreno Valley College
Length of Service: 2 Months
Interests: Teaching, tutoring, caring for children
Language(s): English, Spanish, Arabic, Japanese

Catherine K. Tran
Mission: Latin America, Puerto Rico
From: Box Hill, Victoria, Australia
Degree: Counseling (Clinical), Commerce
Length of Service: 2 - 3 Months
Interests: Counseling, self-development programs, youth ministry
Language(s): English, Vietnamese, Spanish

Kristen E. Rotz
Mission: San Pedro Sula, Honduras
From: Rathdrum, ID
Degree: Communications, Public Relations
Length of Service: 1 Year
Interests: Working with children, ready to do whatever is needed
Language(s): English, Spanish

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Then and now—the need is the same—the need to love and to be loved. Then and now the approach is the same—love what the young people love. Enter principles into practice, entering the worlds of Pop Stars, NFL Playoffs, lipstick, and monster trucks.

Far greater than the well planned activities of the camp are the conversations whispered and the confidences shared, relationships established and self-esteem boosted, all in the discovery and belief that each is a beloved child of God.

Written by Sr. Theresa Jones, FMA

After learning from Sr. Mary Gloria Mar about St. John Bosco’s Preventive System and St. Mary Mazzarello’s accompaniment, the VIDES volunteers put those their world. Show them the God of love through patient love. Here lies the backdrop for God’s Big Backyard Bible Camp for the kiddos at Pan American Apartments located across from the Provincial House.
2013 has been an extraordinary and unforgettable year for me and as I reflect on what has happened it is my wholehearted wish that you, too, share in my blessings as I remember you in prayer and ask God to grant you those graces that you need most in this New Year, 2014! No one is an island unto oneself and, may I add, “No Salesian Sister stands alone!”

So I begin with great gratitude to God for the gift of faith, family, religious family and friends and then I enthusiastically ask for your prayers as I invite you to “accompany” me with your missionary spirit of prayer and concern for our less fortunate brothers and sisters as I journey to my new mission in South Sudan.

2013 began with three months in the Holy Land and it ended with three months in the Eternal City of Rome! The other six months were spent in packing and unpacking and yes, finishing my duties as provincial secretary after a six-year term. Yet that was not all! From January to the very end of November I was awaiting a new missionary assignment from Mother General and in December the country, though not the province, was changed once again. For nearly three weeks at the end of the year I was in northern Italy visiting my birthplace, my aunt, my cousins, family, friends and even some past Vides volunteers. On the 17th I returned to Rome and December 23rd found me in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in my new province. I have never had such an eventful year!

Yes, I have been to many places, but what has made them all so memorable is the fact that I have traveled with both my feet and my heart. Origins and Renewal are key words for me. One looks back to appreciate what has come before so as to be better able to face the present and the future with a grateful heart and a hope-filled spirit. One is never alone since we are sustained by the many dear ones who have gone before us and with our family and friends who surround us at the present moment and encourage us to face the future with life-giving hope. Since we never walk alone, we walk forward with confidence. You are part of my journey and so my blessings are also your blessings!

Significantly I took part in a three-month Salesian Missionary Renewal Course at the Salesian Pontifical University (UPS) with 14
Your Blessings!

Salesian (SDB) Priests, 1 SDB Brother, five other Salesian Sisters and 2 Sisters from other congregations. To renew means to go back to the beginnings and to get new life for the present and the future from this "stepping back" to the origins. I have been to the origins. I have been to where our faith was born (Holy Land) and to where it still lives vibrantly (Rome) under the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis. I have been to many of our Salesian places (Mornese, Turin) and even met with the Rector Major, Fr. Pascual Chavez and our Mother General, Mother Yvonne Reungoat. Unexpectedly I was able to visit the birthplace of our Blessed Maria Troncatti (Còrteno Golgi) and to be present at a Mass (Conegliano) with the traveling relics of Don Bosco on the very day that they were returning to Turin. Mine was a complete renewal—Christian, Ecclesial and Salesian.

University (UPS), we had many very practical and enlightening classes. We had many group discussions which were very real and down to earth. We had many outings which were truly pilgrimages to: Siena, Orvieto, Assisi, Mornese, Chieri, Castelnuovo Don Bosco, Becchi, Murialdo, Mondonio, Capriglio, Turin and Genova—not to mention seeing the "Rome of Don Bosco" and taking part in the November 13th General Audience with Pope Francis. My greatest inspiration however came from the priests, brother and sisters in our group. What a wealth of experience, humility and missionary zeal! What an enrichment for me!

My blessings continue as I look forward to being in South Sudan working with young people there in a land tried with many hardships. Much more could be said but for now I end with a very real challenge. Be with me in mission with your concern and your prayerful support. I will write again once I am settled in Wau, South Sudan. God bless you!

Written by: Sr. Rachel Crotti, FMA
The theme of Gratitude Day 2014, “Love Builds A Home,” permeated the whole celebration and brought together past and present students, past and present teachers, past and present office personnel, past and present PTC board members, parishioners, Salesian Cooperators, city officials, and so many others who love the Sisters to thank Sr. Patricia for her continued guidance of our Province.

Here in South Louisiana the first order of business for a celebration is FOOD!
It was amazing to see so many step forward.
Parishioners provided the first meal when the Sisters arrived. A parent donated all the milk and dairy products, even ice cream that we ate the following week! The Salesian Cooperators of the Westbank, under the direction and through the generosity of Willie Marque and Sam Matrana took care of the meals from A to Z for the Animators as well as the dinner for 300 people following the Mass. Mrs. Minh, the Head Pastry Chef at the Monte Leon Hotel in New Orleans (a dear friend of the Sisters) made a scrumptious bread pudding dessert. Westwego’s own “Mo’s Pizza” supplied muffulettas and pizza for the closing dinner of Sisters, and the parents brought New Orleans King Cakes, a must, since the Mardi Gras season had just started!

Community was doing to bring to life the Gratitude Day theme. The house was transformed with windows and shutters, a door knob, a wreath, a doorbell, a house number, hanging plants, grass, a lamp post, and a welcome mat. Throughout, the bell choir sang: “You gotta love” by Tom Booth.

If there was one thing that captured the essence of day, hands down it would be the table centerpieces. Darlene Farber created a precious “home” out of a milk carton hanging from a heart shaped wire! There are no words – only a picture could capture that masterpiece!

Our Lady of Prompt Succor opened its home, and in return our hearts have been opened!

Written By Sr. M. Suzanne Miller, FMA

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Help a child go to Salesian Summer Camp!
Summer is just around the corner, make a difference in the life of a child!

Why is Salesian Summer Camp important?
The camps provide children with an opportunity for human, cultural, and religious formation without regard to race, color, or creed. The individual attention given to each camper helps nurture Christian values in love and friendship, thus forming committed Christians and honest citizens.

The majority of the camps are open to boys and girls, and children from ages 5-14 are accepted for enrollment. Campers are typically divided into small groups by age and directed and supervised by the Salesian Sisters and young adult counselors who enjoy serving youth through these summer activities.

How can you help?
There are many children in need of a sponsorship for the opportunity to attend Salesian Summer Camp at any one of our four locations. Weekly camper costs range from $50.00-$150.00 per child. Any amount you would like to donate towards sponsoring a child for summer camp would be greatly appreciated! For questions about sponsoring a child, please call Esmeralda Castillo, Director of Development at (210) 431-4999 or email at sswdevelopment@sbcglobal.net.

Please send your sponsorship & make checks payable to:
Salesian Sisters Development Office
6019 Buena Vista Street
San Antonio, TX 78237
*Please indicate which camp location you would like your sponsorship to be applied towards.

1. Corralitos, California-Camp Auxilium, Girls Resident/ Day Camp Contact: Sr. Quyen Pham (831) 227-7143
2. Watsonville, California-Campo Maria Auxiliadora
   Contact: Sr. Silvia Castillo (831) 277-4563
3. Colorado Springs, Colorado- Cheyenne Wells, Elizabeth/Kiowa, Calhan-Vacation Bible School
   Contact: Sr. Mary Link (719) 632-4463
4. San Antonio, Texas-St. John Bosco Summer Day Camp
   Contact: Sr. Rosann Ruiz (210) 432-8011
Jubilee 2014 Celebrations

Congratulations!

Sr. Rita Fantin, FMA
65 Years

Sr. Angelita Guzman, FMA
65 Years

Sr. Rita Bailey, FMA
65 Years

Sr. Mary Tamayo, FMA
65 Years

Sr. Guadalupe Medina, FMA
50 Years

Sr. Guadalupe Arroyo, FMA
50 Years

Sr. Mary Mullaly, FMA
50 Years

Sr. Anna Kim Nguyen, FMA
40 Years

July 26, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Lake University
Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel
411 S.W. 24th Street
San Antonio, TX 78207

Luncheon immediately following the Mass at 12 noon, at St. John Bosco School in the Laura Vicuña Center, 5630 West Commerce Street, San Antonio, TX 78237

Please join us for this joyous occasion honoring these Sisters who have dedicated their lives to further the Salesian Mission. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to do something special, consider making a tribute donation in their honor for the Retirement Fund. You may send your donation to:

Development Office
2014 Jubilee
6019 Buena Vista Street
San Antonio, TX 78237

RSVP Requested (210) 432-1919
Our 10th annual Children’s Education Golf Tournament, which took place on October 7, 2013, was a true success! I am extremely proud of our golf committee, volunteers, generous donors, and community of Sisters, for making this our best year ever.

The generosity of our donors was tremendous! We raised approximately $40,000, with $25,000 of that being in-kind gifts, allowing us to revenue approximately $15,000 for our Friends of Don Bosco Education Fund. All funds raised have gone towards awarding one scholarship to each of our 8 schools within our Western Province.

I would like to recognize some of our leading donors and individuals who contributed in a major way, and helped make this a winning year. *(shown in alphabetical order)*

An Event to Remember (Ruben Rodriguez)
Ancira, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge & Ram (April Ancira)
Cabot Cheese
Debbie Gomez- Committee Member/
Volunteer Coordinator
Fall Creek Vineyards
Heather Walter- Development Assistant/
Silent Auction Chair (2010 – 2013)
It’s Your Day Photography (Kelly Ponce)
J.C. Stoddard Construction
JCL Barricade Company (Jim Morris)
Jesus Leyva- Committee Member
Larry Kennedy- Title Sponsor
Lidia Morales- Committee Member
Mr. & Mrs. Larry F. Link
Multicopy Printing Co., Inc.
(Carmen Guglielmo)
Ramiro & Marisa Fernandez- Committee Members/Volunteers
Ruiz Family McDonald’s
Silver Eagle Distributors
SPURS Sports & Entertainment
Sr. Mary Mullaly, FMA- Committee Member
Veronica Garcia- Development Office
Yami Virgin- Event Emcee

Special thanks to all of our communities who contributed through parent/student participation, in-kind gifts, or monetary donations. Thank you to Sr. Ignacia Carrillo and the students at St. James the Apostle School as well as Sr. Rosann Ruiz and the students at St. John Bosco School, for volunteering as greeters and helpers that morning!

**SAVE THE DATE!**
**2014 Children’s Education Golf Tournament**
**Tuesday, September 2, 2014**
**The Dominion Country Club**
(210) 431-4999 Call to reserve your foursome now! Details to come.
Several of our Salesian Sisters participated in St. Mary’s University’s International Night of Peace on October 1, 2013. A candlelight procession concluded the day.