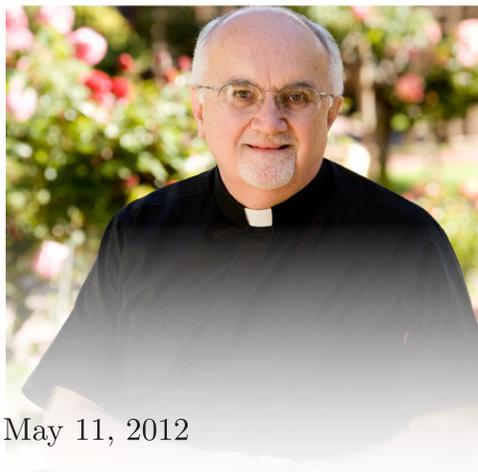




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May 11, 2012

Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:

Last week I wrote about our summer ministry assignments. Today let me reflect a bit on the assignments for the coming pastoral year, a copy of which is included elsewhere in this issue of InTouch.

These assignments were not made military style. Nor are they last ditched efforts to fill spots. They are the result of discernment and dialogue around how best to carry out the Salesian mission in these works, given the capabilities and inclinations of the confreres and coworkers the Lord has sent us. What you see here is not the first draft, far from it. The province at large engaged in a consultation (for directors). The council helped me identify possibilities. Individuals and others were consulted. Changes in plans and drafts were made. At every step I felt that words found in the Salesian Rule of Life were alive and well: "In the Salesian tradition obedience and authority are practiced in a family spirit of love which inspires relationships of mutual esteem and trust" (C 65).

Each one of the fifteen names on the list is a lay, consecrated, or ordained Salesian who has accepted my request to make a change in his work or residence and to take on something new. And so to me the list indicates that Don Bosco West is enjoying the fruit of a rich harvest of availability and obedience.

To every single one on the list a heartfelt word of thanks in Don Bosco's name for making himself available for these changes and new opportunities to serve. They are all helping the province community educate and evangelize our young people with new energy and, please God, renewed Salesian holiness. As I say, thanks go to everyone on the list. However I would like to single out three for a special word of gratitude.

✚ **Fr. Chinh Nguyen:** Thanks, Chinh, for your hard work and joyful youthfulness as delegate for vocations these past three years and for accepting a new challenge as Father Director in the Tech community and school.

✚ **Fr. Tuan Nguyen:** After 19 years in Stockton, Tuan will go to a formation community and there show our young men the fine priestly and religious example that he is. We in the province and the Church of Stock-

ton owe you an immense debt of gratitude, Tuan, for your Vietnamese ministry and for being the Salesian pioneer of our new community presence there.

✚ **Fr. Nick Reina:** After nine years as director and president of Salesian High School, Richmond, Nick will remain there as president only, and work with Mel, the Members and the board, to prepare a search for a new president next year. Thanks for your animated service, Nick, and for once again becoming part of provincial leadership as councilor and delegate for formation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Timothy C. Ploch, SDB
Provincial

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(to take effect July 1, 2012)

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<i>Fr. Joseph Nguyen (2nd term)</i>	St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower
<i>Fr. Melchor Trinidad</i>	Salesian High School, Richmond

VOCATION DIRECTOR

<i>Fr. Jose Lucero</i>	Office & Residence: DeSales Hall
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<i>Mr. Joseph Griffin</i>	St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower
<i>Fr. Thien Nguyen</i>	West Contra Costa B&G Club, Richmond
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<i>Bro. Joseph Lockwood</i>	Sts. Peter & Paul Community, San Francisco
<i>Fr. Tuan Nguyen</i>	DeSales Hall, Bellflower

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<i>Fr. Chris Woerz</i>	Novitiate Staff & Salesian Family Delegate
Theology	
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<i>Fr. Robert Stein</i>	Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, San Francisco
<i>Bro. Al Vu</i>	Residence: St. John Bosco High School Youth Ministry Office: DeSales Hall

AROUND THE PROVINCE



Senior Day of Entertainment

By Joe Rodriguez

At St. Dominic Savio Parish in Bellflower, the Senior Day of Entertainment (SDE) has become an annual event presented by the Multi-Media Outreach Program (MOP). But it is more than a talent show put on by the parish youth, it is an intentionally interactive gathering with the seniors of the parish. The program's focus is personal contact with them, breaking down generational barriers. As such, seniors are not surprised when youth recognize them, approach them after Mass and engage them in conversation.

The youth of our parish are precious, gifted, talented and generous in every way. MOP helps the young discover and develop their gifts through various activities like the SDE. The young become aware of social justice needs within our community and parish and they find ways to address some of them through simple acts of kindness. In doing so the young are formed to respond

***“Doing ordinary things
extraordinarily well”***

to God's call and more prepared to consider also religious life.

This year's SDE gives thanks to our youth director, Miriam Hernandez, a 21 year-old young lady, one of our original MOP members and a former Salesian Volunteer for the Salesian oratories in Tijuana. She continues to be a role model for the young.

We also thank our key collaborators: Brother Joe Lockwood and Elisa Pinedo for the food that was prepared and donated for this event, Cathy Hirshey who donated the gifts and most importantly, Sister Dolores Riojas and Juan Carlos Montenegro, who continue to provide their support and encouragement.

Joe Rodriguez is Vocation Animator and Coordinator for the Multi-media Outreach Program



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Senior Thank You!

By Marie O'Donnell

Dear Youth Ministry,

Many thanks for the wonderful day you provided our seniors today. What a wonderful group of young people all of you are. The band was so good. I would like to see you on YouTube on the computer. It's free and they will get lots of publicity. They should become professionals.

All the entertainment was superb, with so much effort you put into it. The food was so good as well as prizes and all. I can't express my thanks enough. Well, you all made my day. In fact, it made the whole week!

So dear children, again I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you, and wish many of God's blessings to you all. I'm looking forward to the next get together and hopefully I can be there.

Love sincerely to you all,

Marie O'Donnell

Parishioner since 1947



The announcement & invitation of Br. Chuyen's diaconate in Jerusalem

With praise and gratitude to God, the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Missionaries of Africa joyfully announce the Diaconal Ordination of 12 confreres by His Beatitude Fouad Twal, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem.

June 9, 2012, Saturday 9:30 AM
St Catherine's Church, Bethlehem

Jean Marie Amalebondra, M.Afr (Congo)
Boris Yabre, M.Afr (Burkina Faso)
Giuseppe Di Sario, SDB (Italy-IME)
Edoardo Gnocchini, SDB (Italy-ILE)
Szymon Kasprzak, SDB (Poland-PLN)
Dariusz Mencel, SDB (Poland-PLO)
Ratna Neelam, SDB (India-INH/ICC)
Chuyen Doan Nguyen, SDB (USA-SUO)
Giampaolo Nicastro, SDB (Italy-IME)
Lorenzo G. Piola, SDB (Italy-INE)
Isley Queiroz do Nascimento, SDB (Brazil-BMA)
James Zettel, SDB (Canada-SUE)

SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO
MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA

DIACONAL ORDINATION

happy birthday



Dear Br. Zanella,

HAPPY 97th BIRTHDAY!

We celebrate YOU and the inspiration you are to so many in your Salesian Family.

God bless you richly on your birthday and always!

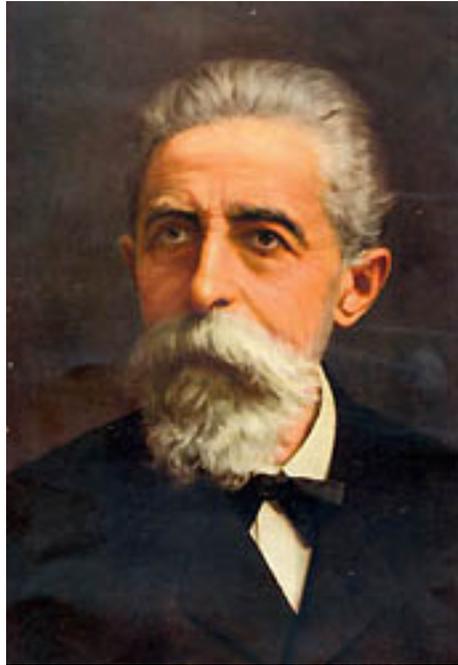
Beatification of **GIUSEPPE TONIOLO** Salesian Cooperator

On Sunday, April 29, at the basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome, Prof. Giuseppe Toniolo (1845-1918), economist and sociologist, activist in Catholic Action, organizer of the Catholic Social Weeks in Italy, was beatified. A contemporary of Don Bosco, after having come to know him personally, he became a Salesian Cooperator.

Don Bosco and Blessed Toniolo met at Pisa in May 1887. The former was already well known as an educator of the humble, and the latter was becoming known as a teacher and guide for Italian Catholics in the social field.

When they met Don Bosco playfully asked the professor to teach him economics. Prof. Toniolo insisted that the saint should send his Salesians to Pisa, where he lived and taught. The Salesians were to arrive in Pisa only later, but Prof. Toniolo was so impressed by the conversation that he decided to enroll as a Cooperator.

Born at Treviso in 1845, thanks to his natural gifts and application to his studies of economics and social problems, Giuseppe Toniolo had a swift career as a teacher in state institutes, and then at 24 he was a university assistant lecturer in Padua; at 34 a lecturer in political economics at the University of Pisa; at 37 the professor at the same university.



A Catholic through and through, it was a great triumph for him to have obtained a chair in a state university at a time when materialism dominated the universities and politics was often anticlerical.

Giuseppe Toniolo dedicated all his energies to political economy, to sociology, and to statistics. Such was his competence in these areas that he was able to challenge successfully the current Marxist and positivist teaching.

The social teaching of the Church had an able exponent in Toniolo not only on the academic level but also among the people, as he became the leader and organizer of a magnificent movement spreading Christian thinking and

practice among workers.

In his view, workers needed to be aware that they were not mere instruments to be used as long as they were needed or until they wore out. Also through their work they were fully men, and even more, sons of God.

In the current world economic crisis, it would seem also very useful to draw on the depth of thought of Blessed Giuseppe Toniolo, Salesian Cooperator.

PROVINCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr. Robert Delis, SDB

will continue his service as
Marine Corps Chaplain
in the Military Ordinariate
after his statutory retirement
this September.

Congratulations Captain!

Novice Chris Carlson (SUE)

After discernment and
careful accompaniment
Chris has decided not to apply
for first profession
and has left the novitiate.
God bless you, Chris!

What a FIASCO!

By Bro. Joe Lockwood, SDB

The expected day, April 30, 2012 had finally arrived...the day for drilling of the cylinder hole for the elevator plunger. All our expectations came tumbling down when the drilling auger arrived on the job site. We learned that the requirements for the drill auger, explained by the Mitsubishi representative in the April 13 issue of InTouch, were really erroneous.

This fiasco has put the completion of the project back at least two months. Why? Because demolishing “Bro. Jack’s old bicycle shop” was postponed until the temporary power line is erected next to the residence building and that was postponed because of the misinformation. The contractor contacted Southern California Edison last week and they said that they would schedule the installation of the temporary power line in 12 to 14 days.

The I-beam:

Building Inspector, Mr. Anderson, questioned why the pouring of the concrete wall and the installation of structural I-beams were not done in one step. The Mitsubishi representative said the auger could not function with structural I-beams in place. Again the representative was wrong. The elevator pit



The 25-foot elevator plunger

could have been done in one step instead of two. The cold joints would have been eliminated (when the concrete isn’t poured all at one time) and that would have satisfied the Building Inspector.

The cylinder hole was drilled 25 feet deep and a fiberglass liner was installed. The soil was back filled around the cylinder, and then the 25-foot plunger was inserted into the cylinder. The elevator car will be attached to the plunger. To finish pouring

the corners of the elevator pit, the contractors had to remove the back filled soil, form the corners and then erect the structural I-beams.

Meanwhile. . .

The paint contractor was busy patching all of the holes and cracks, and pressure washing the exterior of the building. Then he sprayed on a sealer primer coat. The plastering contractor removed all of the old gas heater vents, patched the vent holes with wood and then applied stucco. The electricians continued pulling out all of the old electrical wiring and running the new ones. The electrical panel boxes on the second and

third floors are installed but the fire proofing around the panels still has to be done.

But Wait!

On May 1st, the Assistant Building and Safety Director paid the building site a visit and met with the principal party of the project. The group toured the third floor and he pointed out to the contractor and other members of the group 14 items that are not in compliance with the UBC.

Provincial's Calendar May 2012

- 11-12 Office Days
- 13-15 Provincial Council Meeting,
St. Luke's, Stockton
- 16 Members Meeting, St. Francis CCCHS,
Watsonville
Board Meeting, West Contra Costa
Salesian Boys & Girls Club
- 17 Office Day
- 18 Travel East
- 19 Diaconal Ordination & Marian
Day, Stony Point, NY
- 20 Family Visit
- 21 Travel West
- 22 Piperni and Rinaldi Trusts Meeting
- 23 Members Meeting, St. John Bosco
High School, Bellflower
Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians
- 24 Ordination of Fr. Thien Nguyen,
Sts. Peter and Paul, San Francisco

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

RITA LIPTAK

May 5, 2012

sister-in-law of Fr. Ed Liptak, SDB

Rosary and Funeral Mass

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Watsonville
Friday, May 11 at 1:00PM

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MR. JOHN (JACK) MALONEY

May 6, 2012

father of Bro. Pat Maloney, SDB

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MRS. FLORENCE AUTHIER

May 7, 2012

DESALES HALL UPDATE

Another issue that the contractor is facing is that the building classification, once considered an “existing structure”(meaning all of the construction when it was

built was approved), has been changed. When termites (as reported last week) were found in some of the structural members, the classification was changed to

“non-existing”. The ramification of this change in classification means that the City has to approve the repair.



The installation of the 25-foot cylinder casing



The great drilling auger!

facebook: almost a nation

(ANS – Rome) – If it were an independent nation, Facebook would be in third place after China and India in terms of population. It would be a superpower at world level which could aspire to a permanent seat on UN Security Council.

The Wall Street Journal has published some data on the population of the social network founded by Mark Zuckerberg. On 31st March this year, Facebook had 901 million users active during the month, 33% higher than the 680 million on 31st March 2011. The data was obtained from doc-

umentation provided to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in view of the launch of the social network on the Stock Exchange.

Facebook has a population three times greater than that of the United States. Compared with the two superpowers on the planet in a demographic, but also an economic sense, Facebook has 300 millions citizens less than India and about 400 million less than China. The data sent to the SEC show a constant increase in the number of users. During 2011 Facebook saw a growth of 72

million users (11.9%) in the first quarter, of 59 million (8.7%) in the second, 61 million (8.2%) in the third and 45 million (5.6%) in the fourth quarter. In the first quarter of 2012 the increase was 56 million (6.6%).

These figures, from just one social network, demonstrate how the ‘digital continent,’ without geographical borders, has a real existence. The world of commerce is well aware of this: the launch of Facebook on the stock exchange was welcomed with enthusiasm.

A Salesian digital generation?

(ANS – Rome) – Interesting results are arriving from research carried out by the Catholic University of Milan’s Centre for Research in Education for Media and Information Technology (CREMIT) and the Department of Institutions and Society of the University of Perugia on behalf of the Italian Association of Catholic Webmasters. The research concerns the use of Facebook by

priests, religious and seminarians. Although it is limited to Italian context, the inquiry is surely indicative of the situation in wider society, in the Church, and, in our case, in the Salesian context.

The research carried out by CREMIT shows that 20% of diocesan priests and of male religious have a profile on Facebook. This is higher than that of Italian citizens in general. The percentage rises to 59.7% for seminarians, a clear sign of the greater use of such sites by younger generations.

[Read more](#)

“The digital world presents us with new challenges. It’s not just a matter of surfing the web or being able to read something on a screen; it’s about approaching the situation with new hermeneutic criteria and discovering novel methods of pastoral activity. Our mission to young people, in education and evangelisation, can only take advantage from this if we enter it in the style of ‘Salesian Assistance’, with the pastoral heart of Don Bosco.”

**Fr. Filiberto Gonzalez, SDB,
General Councilor for Social
Communication**