



Communion through Communication

TAVUR

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From the Provincial

Dear Confreres,

I would like to express our Vice-Province's gratitude to Fr. Ambrose Pereira for this worthy endeavour of relaunching **TAVUR**, our newsletter.

The Conch shell (TAVUR) was chosen many years ago as the name of our newsletter because it is a common instrument used in Melanesia to announce events and to call the community to assembly. This is what our newsletter is: a means to communicate and foster communion among ourselves who are living far from each other! Communion is but a fruit of the effort of each one of us to communicate and to share the good that we do in different contexts we find ourselves in.

This newsletter will only attain its purpose if we all join hands in sharing news through the Delegate for Social Communication. Let TAVUR be a real instrument of communion among us!

Fr. Alfred Maravilla SDB
Provincial, Vice Province of PNG and Solomon Islands

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DBTS honours Mary, the Mother and Protectress of our family

Narol Sapak and Fr Angel Sanchez sdb



Bp Dariusz baptises Richmond Benedict Salle, Grade 11 student. Present with him is his Godfather Peter Ririma and the DBTS

Gabutu, PNG:

On the 24th of May 2017, the Educative Pastoral Community of Don Bosco

Technical School,

Gabutu, gathered to celebrate the Feast of Mary Help of Christians at her Shrine in East Boroko. It was the culmination of a series of activities launched to bring to everyone's awareness the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Christian family. Hence, the theme for the Novena and for the celebration of the Feast of Mary Help of Christians: "We are a family. Mary is the Mother and Protectress of our family." Prior to the feast, various contests were organised. There was the Bulletin Board Contest, and the Poster Making Contest.

The Eucharist was presided by Bishop Dariusz Kaluza, MSF, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Goroka in the Highlands. He also administered the Sacraments of Initiation. He baptised 13, confirmed 40, and gave First Holy Communion to 28. Among those who received the Sacraments, 2 are staff members, one is a Salesian aspirant, and the rest are students. 20 teachers stood as godparents.

Bishop Dariusz remarked that he had a great time seeing so many young people singing and praying together. He thanked DBTS for giving him that opportunity. Commenting on the gospel passage about the First Miracle of Jesus in the Wedding at Cana, the Polish Bishop who comes from the

Missionaries of the Holy Family, preached in Pidgin and helped the assembly to reflect on the motherly role of Mary.

Karl Samuel, a grade 12 student and one of those who received the Sacraments of Initiation said: "A big thank you to the school for giving us the chance to receive the Sacraments." When asked what made him decide to become a Catholic, he replied: "It was my mom who always told us to go for the Sunday Service. One day, I went home and I called her by phone, she was in another Province, and I told her that I wanted to receive the sacraments and she encouraged me." On his baptismal day, Karl was also given the name "Aloysius." He was also very grateful for have been given that name and promised to continue to pray to Saint Aloysius for guidance.

The Liturgical Celebration was followed by a Marian Singing Contest in the gym of Don Bosco Technological Institute. Fr. Angel concluded the program by asking the DBTS community to keep in mind two points. First, that Mary is our Mother. As such, no one should feel abandoned, forgotten, or orphaned. Second, that Mary is our Protectress. We are safe under her protection.



Class 12 Albera honour our Blessed Mother through song

Missions Group at Savio Haus



Bomana, PNG: missionary spirit in the Savio Haus community and reawaken the missionary spirit in the PGS Vice Province. It commits itself to:

"It is the missionary zest against the comfort of the

status quo that will launch PGS Vice-Province into a new era of growth", said Fr. Alfred Maravilla, SDB, PGS Provincial, as he spoke to the aspirants while on his Canonical Visitation.

At his behest, Savio Haus has formed a missions group that will assist Fr. Sonny Fajardo SDB, the Provincial Delegate for the Missions, to animate Blessed Philip Rinaldi Vice-Province. The missions group is to keep alive Don Bosco's

1. Invite the community to pray for the **Salesian Missionary Prayer intention of the month.**
2. Prepare a prayer every **11th of the month.**
3. Help the Savio Haus community be more aware of the **missionary activities of the Salesian Congregation** in the different parts of the world.
4. Organise and celebrate in the Savio Haus the **Salesian Mission Day** every year (possibly around June 14).
5. Spearhead initiatives among the aspirants to raise funds to contribute to the Salesian Mission Day Project every year.

Don Bosco Schools Deputies passionate about the Preventive System

- Sr. Marivel Monteberos, Deputy Principal DBSTC
19 Deputy Principals and Heads of the Departments (HoDs) of the Don Bosco Schools and Colleges in the PGS vice province gathered at Emmaus Conference Centre from 4th to 6th May, 2017. The three-day workshop was organised by Fr. Robinson Parappilly SDB, school coordinator dealing with Management and Salesianity.

On the first day Br. Alfred Tivinarlik CFC used the Enneagram to assess the strengths and weaknesses of one's personality. Leadership and the Enneagram were carefully crafted, planned and delivered. On the second day, Fr. Ariel Macatangay SDB, adapting the key points from the Salesian youth ministry framework dealt with the nature, delivery, content, perspective and purpose of the Salesian Education System. Fr. Alfred Maravilla SDB, summed up the Spirituality of Salesians and the Preventive System of Don Bosco on the



Principals and Heads of Departments

last day. The participants felt that it was an opportune time to evaluate themselves, their way of doing ministry and align themselves to the way of what Don Bosco has spelled out for us. Suggestions and recommendations were discussed. At the conclusion, Fr. Robinson read out the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops on Care, Protection and Catechising of Children. It is now the duty of the participants to echo the content of the seminar in their own settings.

VOCATION STORY



Name: Thomas Warwara
Home: East New Britain Province
Siblings: 3 brothers and 2 sisters
Mother: Farmer
Father: Refrigeration mechanic

Salesian Contact: The desire for a religious vocation, never crossed my mind.

Fr. Roger Miranda SDB, came to celebrate Mass at the Utmei school. He invited me for the 'Come and See' program. I was selected to do a Bachelor program in Education specialising in Electronics Technology at Don Bosco Technological Institute, (DBTI, 2013-16). At the same time, I stayed at *Savio Haus, the Salesian Aspirantate* and enjoyed the human and intellectual

formation together with my studies at DBTI. I now continue my Salesian formation with the boarding boys at the Bosco Haus, Gabutu. I pray that the Lord may grant me the wisdom to understand what I am to do and how I should follow the example of St. John Bosco.

Dreams: If it is God's will for me to become a Salesian priest one day, I dream of working together with the Salesian family. I would like that elementary, primary and secondary schools having the Salesian Spirit be started in different locations so that young people draw close to God through the charism of Don Bosco.

Message: Take up your daily challenges, make good decisions and move upward in life.

JUNE 2017

Sunday, 4th: Pentecost
Sunday, 11th: Trinity Sunday
Thursday, 15th: Body and Blood of Christ
Friday, 23rd: Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday, 24th: Birth of John the Baptist
Thursday, 29th: Saints Peter and Paul

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