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*Panama, the site of the Salesian Cooperator Regional Congress in August 2022
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They Still Go Forth

The first Missionary expedition was blessed by Don Bosco's tears as he said: "[W]ho knows? This departure [for the missions], this humble beginning may be the seed that will grow into a mighty tree." That prophecy has come true.

THE MESSAGE OF THE RECTOR MAJOR DON ÁNGEL FERNÁNDEZ ARTIME, SDB

That first one was unforgettable. It was 1875, the Feast of St. Martin of Tours. Though the world did not know, in that little corner of Torino called Valdocco an extraordinary enterprise was just beginning: ten young Salesians were departing for Argentina.

The *Biographical Memoirs* recount this event of epic significance: "As four o'clock was striking and the first notes of the carillon were echoing, a sudden furious noise was heard inside the House, with slamming of doors and windows. A wind had arisen so violent that it threatened to sweep away the Oratory. It may have been pure coincidence, but it is a fact that a similar violent wind broke loose in the very hour when the cornerstone of the church of Mary Help of Christians was laid. It happened once again during the consecration of the same church."

The Basilica was overflowing with people. "Don Bosco mounted the pulpit as Vespers ended. At sight of him, a profound silence fell over that vast sea of people, all trembling with emotion as

they eagerly drank in his every word. Every time he referred directly to the missionaries his voice became choked, the words almost dying away on his lips. He manfully restrained his tears, but his audience wept.

'But my voice fails me, tears stifle my words. I only say that even though in this moment my soul is saddened at the thought of your departure, my heart is greatly consoled in seeing our Congregation strengthened; in realizing how we, in our insignificance, are yet able at this moment to contribute our little pebble to the mighty edifice of the Church. Yes, go forth bravely, but remember that there is but one Church that is spread over Europe, America, and the whole world and welcomes men of all nations who seek refuge at her maternal bosom. As Salesians, no matter in what remote part of the world you may be, never forget that here in Italy you have a father who loves you in the Lord and a Congregation that thinks of you in every circumstance, provides for your needs and will always

welcome you as brothers. Go, then. You will have to face all kinds of trials, hardships, and dangers. Do not be afraid; God is with you; You will go, but you will not go alone because everyone will accompany you... Farewell! Perhaps some of us shall not meet again on this earth.'

Then came the most [moving] moment of the whole ceremony, one which drew tears and sobs in every part of the church and sorely taxed the emotions of the youthful apostles. While the boys' choir repeated the antiphon *Sit nomen Domini benedictum ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum*[1], their beloved father and all the priests present gave the farewell embrace to the missionaries in the sanctuary. In his sermon, Don Bosco had promised he would give the missionaries some written mementos[2] that should be a father's testament to the sons he would perhaps never see again. He had jotted them down in a notebook while on a recent trip by train. He had had copies made, and he gave one to each missionary as he left the altar of Mary Help of Christians." [3]

The tree grows

On September 25 this year, we relived that moment of grace for the 135th time. Today, they go by the names of Oscar, Sébastien, Jean-Marie, Tony, Carlos... There are twenty-five of them, young men, prepared, who show in their eyes and carry in their hearts the understanding and courage of those first missionaries. They are the advance guard of what I requested of the entire Salesian Family for this sessennium: boldness, prophecy, and fidelity.

Don Bosco had made a small prediction: "In doing this we are entering upon a mighty undertaking, not because we have any pretensions, or because we believe we can convert the whole world in a few days; yet who knows? This departure [for the missions], this humble beginning may be the seed that will grow into a mighty tree. It may be like a tiny grain of millet or of mustard seed that will grow, little by little, and accomplish great things. It may awaken in many hearts a desire to consecrate themselves to God in the Missions, to join forces with us and reinforce our ranks. The extraordinary number of those who asked to be chosen makes me hope that it will." [4]

"A missionary. What a name!" This is the testimony of one Salesian who has spent forty years of his life as a missionary: "One elderly person said to me: 'Do not speak to me of Christ; sit here next to me, I want to smell your odor and if this is His odor, then you can baptize me.'"

The fifth word of counsel that Don Bosco wrote to the missionaries was: "Take special care of the sick, of the children, of the aged, and of the poor." We live in a time that must be confronted with a renewed mentality that "knows how to go beyond boundaries." In a world in which we run the risk of being hemmed in by borders more and more, the prophecy of our life consists of this, too: to show that we know no borders. The one reality that we possess is God, His Gospel, and our mission.

I dream that, in these coming years, to say "Salesians of Don Bosco" means to those who hear our name that we are consecrated persons who are "a little crazy." Crazy because we love the young, above all the poorest, most abandoned and helpless ones, with a true Salesian heart. This seems to me to be the most beautiful definition today that one can possibly give to Don Bosco's sons. I am convinced that our Father would want it to be precisely this way.

They still go forth so as to give their life to God—and not just in words. The Congregation has paid the price with its blood. The motto that the martyr Rudolf Lunkenbein had chosen for his ordination to the Priesthood was: "I have come to serve and to give my life." On his last visit to Germany, in 1974, his mother begged him to be careful because people had warned her about the risks that her son was running. He replied, "Mom, why are you worried? There is nothing more beautiful than dying for God's cause. That would be my dream."

I have the firm conviction that our Family must walk towards greater universality, without borders, over the next six years. Nations have boundaries. Our generosity, which sustains our mission, cannot and must not know limits. The prophecy to which we must give witness as a Congregation does not know boundaries.

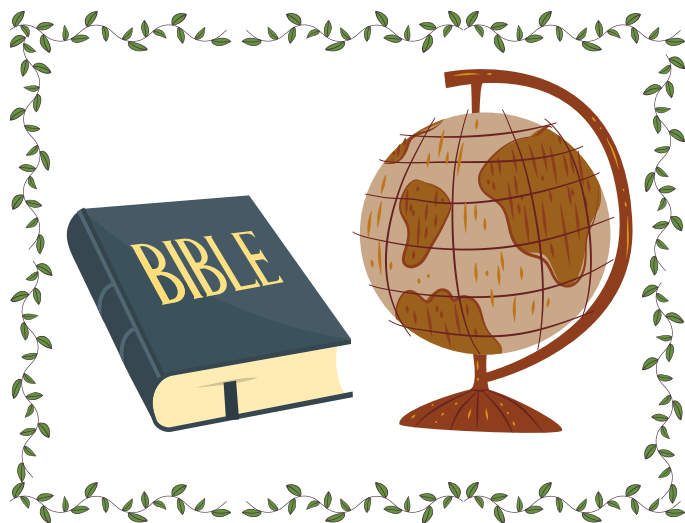
A missionary once spoke of having celebrated Holy Mass for the indigenous people living in the mountains near Cochabamba, Bolivia. He was a young priest and hardly knew the Quechua language. At the end of Mass, as he was

walking towards his house, he felt it had been a fiasco—that he had been unable to get any of his message across. Then, an old farmer, poorly dressed, presented himself and thanked the young missionary for having come. "Then he made an incredible move. Before I could open my mouth, the old *campesino* put his hands into the pockets of his cloak and took out two handfuls of multicolored rose petals. He stood up on tiptoe and, using gestures, asked me to help him by lowering my head. Then he dropped the petals on my head; I was speechless. He rummaged in his pockets again and managed to extract two more handfuls of petals. He kept repeating this gesture. His supply of red, pink, and yellow rose petals seemed endless. I just stood there and let it happen, looking at my *huaraches* (leather sandals), wet with my tears and covered with rose petals. When he had finished, he took his leave and I was left alone, with only the fresh fragrance of roses."

I can tell you from experience that millions of families all over the world are full of gratitude to the Salesians, who have become the "Gospel" in their midst.

May God bless you.

Don Angel



[1] "May the Name of the Lord be blessed both now and for ever."

[2] The full list of mementos can be read [here](#).

[3] *The Biographical Memoirs of St. John Bosco. Volume XI. pp. 357-364.*

https://donboscosalesianportal.org/wp-content/uploads/BM_11_en.pdf.

Accessed September 14, 2022.

[4] *ibid.* pp. 359-360.

In, With, and For the Church

ROMA, 8 - 9 OCTOBER 2022

CANONIZATION OF BLESSED ARTEMIDES ZATTI

Salesian Brother

8 OCTOBER

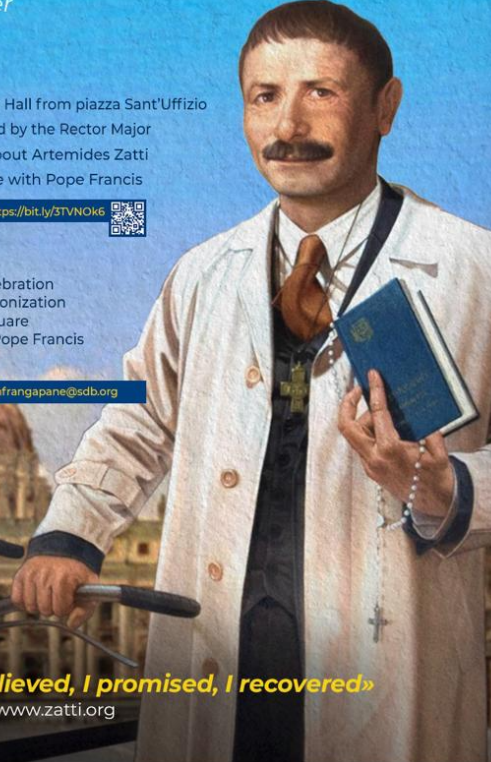
- 8.30 a.m. Entry to Paul VI Hall from piazza Sant'Uffizio
- 10.00 a.m. Mass celebrated by the Rector Major
- 11.00 a.m. Testimonies about Artemides Zatti
- 12.00 a.m. Noon Audience with Pope Francis

FOR BOOKINGS - <https://bit.ly/3TVNok6>

9 OCTOBER

- 10.00 a.m. Eucharistic celebration and Rite of Canonization in St Peter's Square celebrated by Pope Francis
- 12.00 a.m. Angelus

TO REQUEST TICKETS - mfrangapane@sdb.org



«I believed, I promised, I recovered»

INFO: www.zatti.org

Schedule for the canonization of Bl. Artemides Zatti
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Resources to Celebrate the Canonization of Bl. Artemides Zatti

COMPILED BY THE SALESIAN FAMILY
SNIPPETS EDITORIAL TEAM

On Saturday, October 8, and Sunday, October 9, Bl. Artemides Zatti will be canonized. The schedule for these exciting days is included in the photo above.

In honor of the blessed occasion, *Salesian Family Snippets* would like to share a message from the Rector Major with many links to various resources on the latest Salesian saint.

*Access the document and
view Artemides Zatti's full resume.*



*Married couple exchanges rings on their wedding day
Photo by Zeinab Ghassemi from Pexels*

Everything in Marriage is Holy *St. Francis de Sales on Matrimony*

BY TERENCE MCGOLDRICK

Humanity is beautiful, the Christian Humanist, like Francis de Sales believes, because it is endowed with so many noble qualities as the image of God, and because, with all creation, it participates in the Creator's "immense goodness." [1] Love ascends to God through the beauty and goodness of created things. Redemption, and not sin, is the central doctrine of Christianity for Francis and the Christian Humanism of this age. It was the Catholic response to the age's discovery of the classics of antiquity, as much as to Protestant abasement of all human efforts and innate goodness. [2] Yet, this fundamental optimism about the human person is balanced by humanity's need for grace and its proclivity to become less rather than more. Wounded and weakened by original sin, we may freely cooperate with grace in our own small way to attain the perfection Providence has always meant for us... De Sales's Christian humanism and vision of holiness in the world on a par, if not equal to religious life, applies to give marriage a new fundamental goodness that is both new and old.

Francis felt marriage was the "root and spring of every stream" of society, and shunned any spiritual currents that denigrate it as somehow a lesser vocation for the weak. [3] He says, almost emphatically, "In everything; its origin, its end, its utilities, its

form and its matter it is holy" [4] Marriage is "nuptial friendship." [5] Not because of "cardinal [sic] voluptuousness," but because it shares "life, industry, goods, affections and an indissoluble fidelity," making it a "true and holy friendship." [6] He admired several laypersons, like Pernette Boutey, whom he considered saints living in the state of marriage. [7] Throughout his writings, especially in the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, we find many examples taken from the model of domestic love to explain the love of God and the spiritual life. "The Song of Songs" is a favorite text that de Sales often uses in his letters, describing God's love for the soul. The trust of a child, the love of a mother, the patience of parents, the satisfaction of a suckling babe, are all used to depict family life as a model for God's love.

With [such] resolve to love one another through the vicissitudes of feelings and life's trials, marriage's first effect is therefore indissoluble union, "not principally of body, but of heart, affection and love." [8] Marriage's love not only unites permanently, but with an inviolable fidelity, which is represented by the ring each wears. When love and fidelity are conjoined, marriage will always enjoy

confidence and privacy.[9] Being faithful to one's spouse is to be faithful to God, because He has tied the "sacred bond" of their marriage and has given them to each other. He recommends that the couple pray regularly for the progress of their marriage, in "reciprocal friendship and fidelity" and attend mass together on their anniversary.[10]

Thinking of marriage as a vocation and a sacrament, he believed married couples can easily inspire one another to virtue, "they sanctify one another in a true fear of the Lord." [11] ... Speaking of the chaste heart in the chapter on purity of the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, he says, sensual pleasures are sanctified by holy matrimony and are part of a happy married life.[12] "Perfection," Francis explains echoing Aquinas, "does not consist in the absence but in the ordering of the passions." [13] This is because, reiterating Classic Christian teaching, "the sensitive powers are, or should be, the servants of the mind." [14] But that acceptance was guarded, because the great force of passionate sensuality could carry one away from an honest and true love, weakening it in the process, and descend into lust. "Love is a delicate flame," [15] not a raging storm, he says, perhaps best summarizing his theory of the proper place of passion... It all goes against the grain of a ridged ascetical current of Jansenism in his contemporary Church, and fits into his global vision of exceptional moral health and a sexuality that is neither embarrassed nor polluted by a mystical and natural analogy... [h]is Christian humanism and new awareness of the sacramental character of marital love, leads him to be one of the first to speak of the edifying importance of marital intimacy.

[1] *Oeuvres de saint François de Sales, évêque de Genève et docteur de l'Eglise*, (OEA) *Edition complète d'après les autographes et les éditions originales*, 26 Volumes, J. Niérat, et al., Annecy, Abry 1892-1964, XXII, pp. 35-37.

[2] Calvin cries that without God man is "stupidity, misery, vanity, wickedness... rotten, a worm, garbage stinking of iniquity." *Les oeuvres complètes de Calvin, Joannis Calvini opera quae supersunt omnia, Corpus Reformatorum*, ed. Wilhelm Baum, Eduard Cunitz, and duard. Reuss, Brunswick, C.A. Schwetschke and Son 1863-1900, 59 vols; III, 37, 41ff. And in his *The Slave Will*, Luther says: "Free will? One alone exists, that of God. Man is impotent, vicious, associated either with evil or with grace."



A husband and wife study the bible together
Photo by FatCamera from Getty Images Signature

[3] See René Pillorget, *Le mariage chrétien selon saint François de Sales*, in Hélène Bordes et Jacques Hennequin (eds), *L'univers salésien saint François de Sales hier et aujourd'hui. Actes du Colloque International de Metz, Paris, Champion 1994*, pp. 241-255.

[4] OEA III, 264.

[5] *Letters MDCXXXV*. See also, L MCCCLXXXIX.

[6] *Introduction to the Devout Life III*, 17.

[7] L CCCLX. See also, L CCCLVIII.

[8] OEA III, 265

[9] "L'amour et la fidélité jointes ensemble engenderent tous-jours la privauté et confiance," OEA III, 270.

[10] OEA III, 273.

[11] OEA III, 272.

[12] OEA I, 135-136.

[13] OEA VIII, 355 (*Sermon pour le vendredi après le premier dimanche de Carême, 9 mars 1618*). See too the chapters of the *Treatise on the Love of God*, (OEA IV, 28-34) where Francis develops the idea.

[14] OEA III, 195-196 See too Francis' explanation of the Christian tradition of right love as the "service of the passions to justice and virtue" in OEA IV, 33.

[15] OEA IV, 61.

From the Article "Everything in Marriage Is Holy: Francis De Sales. A Christian Humanist Theology of Marriage" by Terence McGoldrick - which originally appeared in *Salesianum. Annus LXXV. No. 4. October-December 2013. Editrice LAS. pp. 761-780.*



*Sr. Molly Heine, FMA, and Sr. Domenica Di Peri, FMA
Photo courtesy of Salesian Sisters' Facebook*

Very First FMAs of Mornese: *Sr. Maria Poggio*

COMPILED BY SR. JUDITH SUPRYS, FMA

Sr. Maria Poggio was born in Ponti (Alessandria) on July 12, 1829. She was one of the first eleven Sisters to make profession in the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians on August 5, 1872. She died in Mornese on January 29, 1874, at forty-four years of age after a year and a half of religious life.

Sr. Maria was of a peaceful and pleasant character, who spoke little. In the Institute, she paid special attention to the kitchen, and she made herself all to all the Sisters in order to help them in their every need and comfort them in their sufferings. She is the first Daughter of Mary Help of Christians who passed from this life to eternity to receive the reward of her virtues and her sacrifices.

In October 1867, after Don Pestarino moved into the Collegio so that he could keep an eye on the builders and use the building for the boys of Mornese, the Daughters of the Immaculate—Maria Mazzarello, Petronilla Mazzarello, Teresa Pampuro, and Joan Ferrettino—moved into his former house, known as Casa Immacolata. This move allowed the Daughters to live with the school girls who were boarders and have their workroom on the premises. This larger, more suitable house would also allow an increase in the number of pupils.

Petronilla's niece, Rosina Mazzarello, and Maria Poggio, who had both attended to the workroom but were still uncertain of what they should do, now presented themselves to Mary, resolved at last to become part of Don Bosco's religious family. Mary Mazzarello had never doubted them and now she rejoiced because she knew them both to be pious, hardworking and possessed of a good spirit. Maria became one of the first eleven Daughters to make vows as a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians (Salesian Sisters) on August 5, 1872 (150 years ago). She was a quiet Sister, generous and most exemplary!

On January 29, 1874 Sr. Maria Poggio, the humble cook, who though, often lacking necessities, had never been upset but had welcomed and edified all with her patient smile, quietly passed on to her heavenly reward. The funeral mass in presence of the remains was celebrated in the school chapel, thanks to the decree of privileges granted by Monsignor Sciandra the previous August.

This marks the end of the series of biographies of the first Sisters in the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Of the eleven who professed August 5, 1872, 150 years ago, nine remained

in the FMA religious life until their death. The biographies that have been presented are of these nine: Maria Mazzarello, Petronilla Mazzarello, Felicina Mazzarello, Giovanna Ferrettino, Teresa Pampuro, Rosa Mazzarello, Caterina Mazzarello, Assunta Gaino, and Maria Poggio. For the sake of history, Angela Jandet and Felicita Arecco were the two young women who did not persevere. No biographies of them were presented, as none were written.

Primary sources of reference: *CENNI BIOGRAFICI DELLE FIGLIE DI MARIA AUSILIATRICE defunte nel 1° decennio dell'Istituto (1872-1882)*, p.9; *Cronistoria (CHRONICLES of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, edited by Sr. Giselda Capetti, FMA)*, volume I, pgs. 205-206, 284-285, 301-302, 311-313; volume 2, p. 49



Message from Pope Francis for World Youth Day 2023

Click [here](#) or on the graphic above to access a message from Pope Francis for World Youth Day 2023. His Holiness' letter is directed towards all young people, not only those who will participate in World Youth Day in Portugal next August.

This beautiful and insightful message is a must to read. The *Salesian Family Snippets* Editorial Team encourages everyone to share it abundantly with all educative communities and Salesian Family members.



Synod Video on Being Ready to Discern

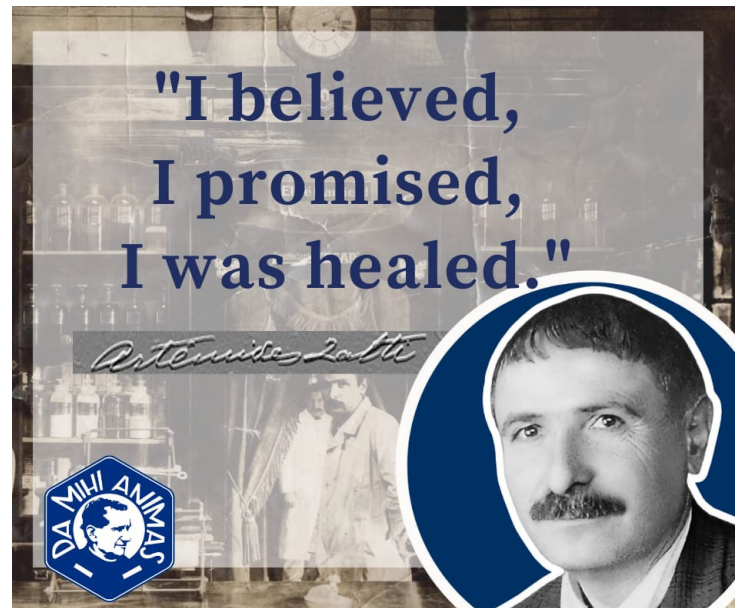
Click [here](#) to watch the latest in the series of videos to explore how the new phase of the Synod on Synodality is being prepared, following the completion of documents from the diocesan and national levels



A person holds a lit candle
Photo by Myriams-Fotos from pixabay

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for everyone, especially our Salesian Family, who have been affected by Hurricane Ian. We will follow up with any incoming developments and updates.



Quote from soon-to-be St. Artemides Zatti
Designed by East Asia-Oceania Salesian Cooperators



In the Salesian Family Know



*Salesian Family members during this year's pilgrimage
Photo courtesy of Sr. Denise Sickinger, FMA*

Salesian Family Tidbits *for September through November*

BY FR. TOM DUNNE, SDB

As fall begins, it is clear that the Salesian Family in Canada and the Eastern U.S. have come out of pandemic isolation. With this in mind, the Salesian Family and all of its groups are a people on the move!

Fr. Provincial Tim Zak, SDB, participated in a productive meeting of the local Salesian Family Council in Marrero on Sunday, September 18. Representatives from every Salesian Family group took part in this encounter (i.e., Salesian Cooperator, SDBs, FMAs, etc.). The meeting ended with the members growing in their knowledge and appreciation for each of the groups and with a clear focus on how all Salesian Family members could work together for the young and poor families in a synodal style. On that same day, the FMA Past Pupils met in Haledon, NJ.

During the last week in September, the Salesian Family council in the Midwest area met with Fr. Tim. Salesian Cooperators from both centers (Chicago and St. Charles) met with the SDB and ADMA members to develop a stronger unity and

collaborative spirit among Don Bosco's followers in the Midwest.

On Saturday, October 8, the Eastern U.S. Salesian Cooperator Provincial Council will travel to South Florida for a get together with the Salesian Cooperator centers in Miami. They will then have a Liturgy with the ADMA members in Hialeah the following day. Then, on Monday, October 10, the Salesian Family Local Council of Tampa Bay will meet with Sr. Denise and Fr. Tom.

On Sunday, October 9, the Salesian Cooperator center in Stony Point will celebrate the Salesian Cooperator vocation with a number of aspirants making their promises at the Marian Shrine.

The ADMA chapter at St. John Bosco Parish in Chicago saw four of its aspirants make the pledge as members of the Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA). That makes 20 ADMA members in the Chicago chapter! There

are seven additional parishioners from the nearby St. James Parish who are in the initial formation program for admission to ADMA.

On Saturday, October 22, the Salesian Cooperator center in North Haledon, NJ will sponsor a day of recollection for members of the Salesian Family and all those seeking a renewal of faith in Don Bosco's spirit. The day of recollection will be held in the brand new St. Joseph Chapel at Mary Help of Christians Academy (MHCA).

The following day, the Salesian Family in Eastern Canada will gather in Montreal for a celebration of Salesian Family Spirituality Day. These groups include three Salesian Cooperator centers, FMAs, and SDBs in several presences throughout Quebec.

The Salesian Cooperator Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Surrey, BC invites Salesian Family members to join them in praying the Rosary on the Saturdays of October. The prayer will begin at 1:00 pm. The link is included [here](#) and via the logo below:



Meeting ID: 883 3399 7469

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The visit of the Rector Major to the Salesian Family in Canada and the Eastern U.S. will include two events at which the Salesian Cooperators and ADMA members can participate:

- The anniversary of Salesian Missions on Tuesday, November 22, in the evening at Green Tree Club in New Rochelle, NY.
- A gathering with the Rector Major after Mass on Wednesday, November 23, at St. John Bosco Parish in Port Chester, NY.

Both events are free, however, reservations are required.

We are sad to break the news that Hijas del Divino Salvador (Sisters of the Divine Savior) have had to return to El Salvador due to visa problems. All in our province appreciate the many years of Salesian ministry that these Sisters have offered to the immigrant community in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We pray for their return to our province very soon.

On a happier note, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians, a group within the Salesian Family, have brought Don Bosco's mission to Oahu, Hawaii. We welcome them and look forward to a pastoral visit sometime in the near future.



Flyer for the NASN Film Festival
Designed by Ian Kinney

Salesian Family Opportunities

NASN Film Festival

The North American Salesian Network (NASN) is offering a fun and exciting opportunity for young people that they have requested we share with our Salesian Family—the 2022 NASN Film Festival! The theme for the festival is "Live+Jesus," which was the motto of St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Catholic Church, and often found in his letters, writings and sermons.

**As he grew up during the bloody turmoil of the religious wars in Europe, this 17th century Bishop of Geneva became a beacon of peace through his gentleness and devotion to teaching people at all levels of society how to live a life of Christian virtue through prayer and love for all people. It is our desire to use this film festival to spread this "Salesian Spirituality" to a world in desperate need of healing and a path to both inner and exterior peace. We encourage our filmmakers to explore the Salesian quotes and themes provided in the guidelines to help you produce a message that will inspire the world to "Live+Jesus."*

Submissions for the 2022 NASN Film Festival are being accepted now through Tuesday, October 11, at 9:00 pm EST. We will be awarding \$1,000 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place and \$250 for Third Place finishers. We are offering these awards for both Student and Non-Student Categories. The 2022 NASN Film Festival will be made available for viewing on Saturday, November 12, at 8:00 pm EST on the Embraced by God YouTube channel.

A special jury of men and women from Salesian religious and lay organizations will select the winning films.

**From the creators of the 2022 NASN Film Festival*



Click [here](#) or on the above graphic to access the guidelines.



New Catalog for Salesiana Publishers

Click [here](#) or on the above graphic to access Salesiana Publishers' latest catalog.

Salesian Family Gatherings *SDB Jubilees*

The SDBs will celebrate their anniversaries of profession and ordination (jubilees) on Saturday, October 15, at 10:00 am EST at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, NY. Be on the lookout for an article and photos from this momentous occasion in next month's issue!



*Information for next year's Mary Help of Christians Festival
Designed by Sr. Denise Sickinger, FMA*



*Revised promotion for next year's Salesian Family Festival
Designed by Sr. Denise Sickinger, FMA*

Salesian Family Events Updates

See the images above for upcoming changes to next year's Salesian Family events at the Marian Shrine.

Be on the lookout for additional information about these exciting events in the coming months, too!



Highlight from the celebration
Photo by Sr. Maria Colombo, FMA

150th Anniversary Celebration in Montreal

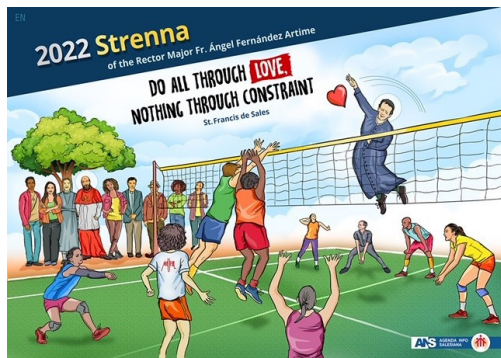
Click [here](#) or on the photo above to access photos from the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians held in Montreal in September.



Highlight from the ceremony
Photo by Sr. Maria Colombo, FMA

Aspirant Medal Ceremony

Click [here](#) or on the photo above to access photos from the Aspirant Medal Ceremony that had been held in September.



**Let Us Do All Things
Through Love**



**Maria Auxilium Christianorum,
ora pro nobis!**



"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially."

- St. Francis de Sales



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**SOON ENOUGH,
IF WELL ENOUGH**

St. Francis de Sales