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Port Chester Salesians and SLM candidates from the most recent discernment weekend
Credit: Mr. Adam Rudin

SLM Discernment Weekend

By Mr. Adam Rudin, SLM Program Director

(New Rochelle, NY – July 2) – From Saturday, June 21, through Monday, June 23, eight Salesian Lay Missioner (SLM) candidates gathered at the Salesian community in Port Chester, NY, to take part in a weekend designed to help them reflect on how God might be calling them to serve. This discernment weekend offered a blend of prayer, conversation, and immersion in the Salesian spirit.

The retreat opened with a warm welcome and a talk from Fr. Sean McEwen, SDB, who spoke about Don Bosco's legacy and invited participants to notice Christ in those

around them. Saturday brought a unique opportunity to travel to Orange, NJ, for the diaconate ordination of now-Dcn. Tom Junis, SDB—a moment that left a deep impression on many. "Being there brought me peace and confidence in God's plan," one participant shared.

Back in Port Chester, attendees heard stories from former lay missionaries who served in countries like Bolivia, Papua New Guinea, and Sierra Leone. These personal accounts gave a window into the joys and challenges of mission life. One attendee noted, "Their experiences helped me focus on what really matters—and reminded me that God

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often works through small, faithful steps."

Beyond the scheduled talks, there was time for the candidates to share meals, pray together, and be present with others who also listen for God's voice. The atmosphere of hospitality and encouragement allowed participants to slow down and consider where they are being led.

The weekend wrapped up with gratitude, prayer, and a renewed sense of purpose. Many left with open hearts, ready to keep discerning how they might serve the Church and the young in the spirit of Don Bosco.



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Salesian Lay Missioners, visit
www.SalesianLayMissioners.org.

Upcoming Events



*Tampa Salesian Family celebrates the Fourth of July with sparklers
Credit: Ms. Chioma Okoye*

Tampa: Experience Fireworks, Friends, and Food

By Ms. Chioma Okoye, Communications Director, Mary Help of Christians Center

(Tampa, FL – July 2) – Mary Help of Christians Tampa will host its annual Fourth of July celebration “Fireworks, Friends and Food” this Friday, July 4. It’ll take place from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Each year, campers, their families, Mary Help staff and their families, parishioners, friends, and residents of the local Tampa area come together to celebrate! Everyone enjoys a lakeside picnic with the highlight being a huge fireworks show sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Learn more online!

July 4: Fireworks, Friends and Food (Tampa, FL)
July 12-19: Salesian Gospel Roads (New Orleans, LA)
Aug. 8-16: SDB Retreat (Stony Point, NY)
Aug. 9-16: Salesian Gospel Roads (Stony Point, NY)
Aug. 15: First Professions (Stony Point, NY)
Various: National Shrine Jubilee 2025 Events
(Stony Point, NY)

Need a date added?

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Three of the 32 young campers at Camp Dominique-Savio in Sherbrooke, QC
Credit: Le Salésien



St. Benedict Parish Salesian Family, including its local Columbian Squires circle, St. Dominic Savio Circle #5217
Credit: St. Benedict Parish



Birthdays

July 3: Bro. Robert Malusa
July 8: Fr. Zbigniew Majcher
July 14: Fr. Jan Bernas
July 14: Fr. Dominic Tran



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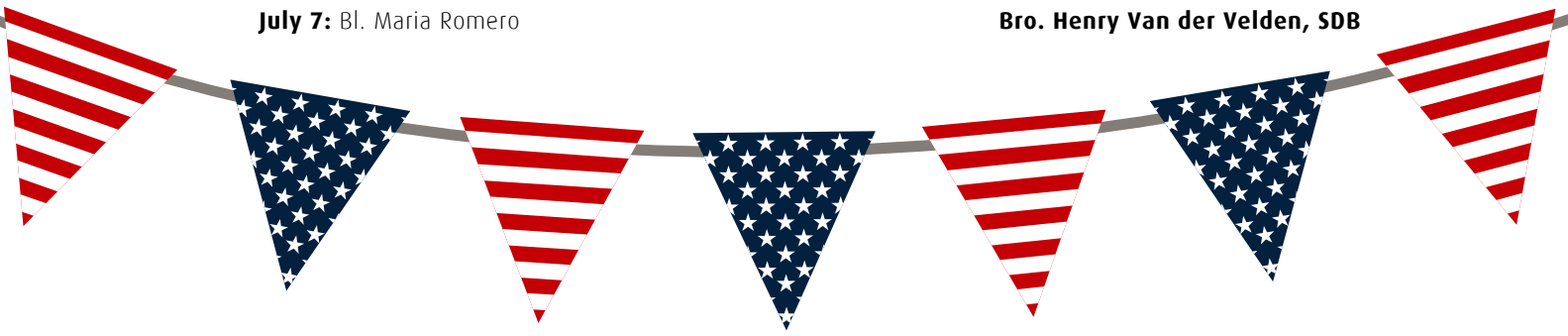
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Salesian Holiness

July 7: Bl. Maria Romero

Prayer Remembrances

All our senior confreres in Stony Point and Tampa
Alejandro Acosta Lagaxio,
nephew of Fr. Raúl M. Acosta Zunini, SDB
José María Acosta Zunini,
brother of Fr. Raúl M. Acosta Zunini, SDB
Jacob Anitra, grandnephew of Bro. Tom Sweeney, SDB
Fr. Jan Bernas, SDB
Fr. John Blanco, SDB
Fr. William Bucciferro, SDB
Vincent Carlino, brother of Fr. Lenny Carlino, SDB
Brody Dollinger, grandnephew of Fr. David Sajdak, SDB
Fr. Tom Dunne, SDB
Fr. Greg Fishel, SDB
Claudia Gonzales, Salesian Cooperator, Port Chester, NY
Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB
Lyse and Gilles Leonard, parents of Fr. Alain Leonard, SDB
Ken Lindenfelser, brother-in-law of Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB
Nicholas Magrogan, Salesian Cooperator and Past Pupil
Lincoln McNamara, nephew of Adam Dupre, former SDB
Fr. Frank Moloney, SDB (Australia Province)
Fr. Jim Mulloy, SDB
John Myler, former SDB
Salvina Pace, mother of Fr. Mike Pace, SDB
Fr. Georges Parent, SDB
Janine Serio Durso, sister of Fr. John Serio, SDB
Robert Serio, nephew of Fr. John Serio, SDB
Bro. Henry Van der Velden, SDB



***“Peace is built in the heart and from the heart,
by eliminating pride and vindictiveness
and carefully choosing our words.”***
- Pope Leo XIV

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