

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE PROVINCE OF ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE



Newly professed Bros. Jieo Tecson, Christo Philistin, Nicholas Jandernoa, Lorenzo D'Alessandro, and Carlos Cerda, SDBs Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

5 Men Profess as Salesians

By Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

(Haverstraw, NY - August 15) -

On August 15, Brothers Carlos Cerda Gutierrez, SDB, Lorenzo Carlo D'Alessandro, SDB, Nicholas Kurt Jandernoa, SDB, Christo Ruben Philistin, SDB, and Jieo Aleksander Tecson, SDB, made their first religious profession as Salesians of Don Bosco during a celebration of the Eucharist in the chapel of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Haverstraw, N.Y.

Fr. Dominic Tran, SDB, provincial, presided at the Mass and received the vows of the five young men.

The five had completed a year of novitiate at the Salesian house of formation in Richmond, Calif., under the guidance of Fr. Joseph Thinh Nguyen, master of novices.



Bro. Carlos Cerda, 25, was born in Moroleon, Guanajuato, Mexico, and entered the Salesians from Lockport, Ill.; he was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Joliet. He had been introduced to the Salesians by a Carmelite brother in the parish, who was particularly close to the young people of the parish.

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Carlos came to the Salesian formation house in Orange, N.J., in August 2021. His discernment also included a year of prenovitiate formation at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J., in 2023-2024.

Bro. Carlos has discerned a calling to be a Salesian coadjutor brother so that he can become "a friendly role model for young people" and witness to the "call given by God to men who seek to dedicate themselves totally to God in community, living out the lay dimension of our Baptism," particularly through the evangelical counsels.

Now, returning to the house in Orange for postnovitiate formation, Bro. Carlos will pursue a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Seton Hall University, aiming eventually to teach at one of our Salesian schools. He aspires to touch the lives of many young people by listening to them and sharing their joys and



Bro. Carlos Cerda makes his first profession.

Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl. SDB

challenges; to accompany young people at risk "by providing suitable trade skills"; and eventually to become a formator of men in initial Salesian formation.

Bro. Carlos found the best part of his novitiate year in the time spent in community with his novice classmates, as well as the days designated for silence and prayer.

Bro. Lorenzo D'Alessandro, 27, comes from Vancouver, B.C., where he and his family belonged to St. Jude Parish. His parents are Robert D'Alessandro and Charlotte Carlos. He has a younger brother, Cortez.

Lorenzo came to the Salesians after five years as a diocesan seminarian, during which he earned a B.A. in philosophy. He'd entered the seminary as a high school senior after returning to the practice of his faith, influenced by one of his parish priests, whose "example of holiness rubbed off on me, especially his love for sacred music and love for the liturgy as a whole." In both high school and college, he found the Benedictine seminary rectors to be "men of great faith and intellect.

Both showed me the beauty, ardour, and rigours of both consecrated life and intellectual life."

Lorenzo found in himself a desire for work with the young and for a consecrated life in community, which he had witnessed with the Benedictines. A friend told him about the Salesians and, he says, "Instead of the adage, 'There's an app for that!,' it was as if God was saying to me, 'There's a religious order for that!'"

So Lorenzo applied to the Salesians, was accepted, and began as a candidate in August 2022 at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J. But a visa issue required him to return to Canada in January 2023. He resumed his candidacy at St. Benedict, the Salesian parish in Etobicoke, Ont., continued there as a prenovice in August, and was able to return to Ramsey in January 2024 to complete the prenovitiate program. At the Prep, he was chaplain for some of the sports teams and the soup kitchen, and he also taught CCD at St. John Bosco Parish in Port Chester, N.Y., on a weekly basis.

During his novitiate year in Richmond, Lorenzo found the greatest satisfaction in "being able to assimilate and live out Salesian values on a more concrete level, as well as being able to get to know the students in school, mainly through coaching." (The novitiate is located on the campus of Salesian High School in Richmond, Calif.)

Following his religious profession, Bro. Lorenzo will join the formation community in Orange, N.J., to continue his formation toward Salesian priesthood. He will take courses in school and sports psychology at Seton Hall University. His discernment focus now shifts from asking, "Am I being



Bro. Lorenzo D'Alessandro makes his first profession.

Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl. SDB

called?" to "How am I being called?"
He is aware that in this stage of his
formation he is preparing spiritually
for perpetual profession and
intellectually "to implement my
studies into daily life personally,
ministerially, and communally." He
sees himself ministering as a
teacher, coach, and counselor.

Bro. Lorenzo concludes: "Ten years ago, never would I have thought that I would be professing as a clerical brother with the Salesians of Don Bosco. Yet, retrospectively, I can see, at least in part, how God was gradually preparing me for this 'yes' to him who consecrates me to himself" through his own mysterious and "genius" plans.

Bro. Nicholas Jandernoa, 26, comes from Pewamo, Mich., where his family are members of St. Joseph's Parish. He was born in Lansing. His parents are Bruce and Gail Jandernoa, and he has one older brother and three younger sisters.

Nicholas spent two years as a NET Missionary, which helped him to be open to consecrated life: "My experience helped me grow not only spiritually, but also in confidence in myself. Most importantly, I discovered that I had a passion for working with young people and that God has chosen to work through me to show his love to the young." He already knew about Don Bosco and admired how the saint used sports and magic tricks to grab young people's attention and then bring them to Jesus. When he learned that Don Bosco had founded a religious order, the Salesians, he saw "that I could serve young people, be involved with sports and games while also being consecrated to God." This idea was very attractive.

So Nicholas became a Salesian candidate in Orange, N.J., in January 2021 and a prenovice at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J., in 2022-2023. He continued prenovitiate in Orange in 2023-2024 and after his religious profession will return to Orange as a postnovice and a seminarian studying philosophy at Seton Hall University. He aspires in these next couple of years "to grow in my love for Jesus, to whom I am consecrated, and to live out the Salesian Constitutions, which I have professed to live."

Thus far Bro. Nicholas has found his religious vocation "anything but boring"; rather for him it is an "exciting adventure full of love" that he hopes other young people will consider.

Bro. Christo Ruben Philistin, 23, was born in Cap Haitien, Haiti, and is the son of Amos and Lunie Joseph Philistin, who now live in Brockton, Mass. He has an older sister, Hudenie Lourdes Marcia Philistin. An aunt, who is a nun, introduced him to the Salesians in his hometown, where he became a candidate in February



Bro. Christo Philistin makes his first profession. Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl. SDB

2020. In September 2022 he became a prenovice in the Salesian house in Thorland, Haiti, after which he began a year of novitiate in Mexico, where the Haiti Vice Province sends its men. After his parents moved to the U.S., his provincial facilitated his transfer to the U.S. novitiate so that he could be nearer to them.

Bro. Christo's nun aunt, he writes, "greatly influenced me through her spiritual way of life. The priest of my parish, as well as the Salesians from the community in my hometown, have also had a significant impact on me, particularly through their sense of family, which has left a deep mark on my journey."

He adds: "I wanted to become a Salesian to answer a call greater than myself, something deep within my heart urging me to be completely with God and for God voluntarily. Additionally, out of love for being with and serving the young, it has been the perfect match" so that he can "be with God and serve youth in the footsteps of Don Bosco."

He says that he thoroughly enjoyed his novitiate year—community outings, the novice master's conferences, and opportunities for ministry. "The best part

was the time we spent simply being together as a community, hanging out, sharing laughter, and watching movies."

Professing as a seminarian Salesian,
Bro. Christo will join the formation
community at Orange, N.J., and study
philosophy at Seton Hall University.
He aspires to deepen his relationship
with God and engage in apostolic
service to the young. In particular, "I
would like to be a music teacher
because I truly believe that music
can lead young people to Jesus. I also
feel that I can use my talent to
inspire and accompany them on their
journey of faith through music."

Bro. Jieo Aleksander Tecson, 24, is a native of Quezon City, Philippines. His parents are Gaudencio and Maria Cristina Tecson, and he has a twin sister, Anna Kristina, and a younger brother, Jed Angelo. They immigrated to Calgary, Alberta, and became involved in St. Patrick's and Holy Spirit parishes there.

Jieo's father had gone to a Salesian school in the Philippines. Jieo, however, discovered the Salesians by reading about Don Bosco in a lives of the saints book and then seeing the movie St. John Bosco: Mission to Love. The movie suggested to him that he might become a priest like Don Bosco, caring compassionately for the young. A homily preached by one of his parish priests, Fr. Cristino Bouvette, led him to think about the priesthood as a radical form of fatherhood, which "scared, challenged, and intrigued me all at once." Some years later, after his first year at university, he was investigating possibilities for religious life and contacted Fr. Jim Berning, SDB, the vocation director in Canada.

In the Salesians he found four of his personal desires: missions, priesthood, youth work, and religious devotion.

Thus Jieo became a candidate at Orange, N.J., in August 2022 and a prenovice at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J., in August 2023. During his prenovitiate year, he taught catechism at St. John Bosco Parish in Port Chester, N.Y.

"The best part of my novitiate year," says Bro. Jieo, "was the spirit of brotherhood I experienced with my fellow novices, in moments both of praying and of playing." He also found a lot of satisfaction in ministry to the students at Salesian College Prep, adjacent to the novitiate house.

After professing as a seminarian, he will continue his religious and priestly formation in Orange while studying philosophy at Seton Hall University. There "I hope to deepen my relationship with God, better assimilate the spirit of Don Bosco, and continue cultivating my skills for ministry among the young. With God's help, I wish to become more and more conformed to Christ, especially in his obedience, poverty, and chastity, and to learn truly what it means to be a sign and bearer of his love for young people."

Further down the road, Bro. Jieo hopes that he might become a missionary in some foreign land. "Most of my favourite saints were missionaries (the Canadian Martyrs among them!)," he states. But his ultimate aspiration is to become a saint.

The Eucharistic Celebration

Forty priests concelebrated the

profession Mass, assisted by Deacon Thomas Junas, SDB. Additionally, in attendance there were ten professed brothers, many family members of the newly professed, numerous Salesian sisters and novices, Sisters of Life, Salesian Cooperators, Salesian Lay Missioners, young people making a Gospel Roads retreat-service program, students from Salesian schools, and other friends. The 470-seat chapel was about two-thirds full.

Introducing the Mass of Our Lady's Assumption, Fr. Dominic (in three languages) voiced thanks to God for calling us, thanks to our mother Mary, thanks to our brothers for their "yes" to God, and thanks to their parents—who were commended a couple more times during the rites.

Fr. Dominic's homily focused on God's initiative. On our own, he said, we'd never be ready to do God's work. The Virgin Mary shows us that he can do great things in us.

The homilist pointed to several qualities that we need, exemplified in Mary. First is humility; she is "the Lord's lowly servant." Humility prevents us from having a sense of entitlement as if God owed us something. He cited the Salesian Constitutions, demonstrating God's work in calling us in Baptism and religious vocation. The initiative is always his, and he who did great things in Mary will do great things in those he calls.

Other qualities of Mary are relevant to religious vows. She models how to respond to God in obedience, accepting God's plan, even embracing her Son's cross. She responds to God's plan with a sense of poverty; she becomes rich because she brings the Savior to humanity. When we have Jesus with us

and in his Church, we have all we need. At this point, Fr. Dominic addressed the numerous young people in the congregation, challenging them to behold the witness of the five men about to make their religious profession and to consider their own vocations—possibly to marriage, priesthood, or religious life. All vocations are ways for us to be like Mary, Christ-bearers.

Mary also responds to God's plan in her chastity. The haste with which she went to Elizabeth's assistance illustrates love and service for others. Living in a religious community, we seek to recognize God in one another, and we love others because we recognize God in them. Our chastity means loving God in people and loving people in God, putting others ahead of ourselves.

Fr. Dominic concluded by linking the day's rite with two historical events of 2025: the 150th anniversary of the first Salesian missionary expedition (1875) and the Church's jubilee year. Don Bosco told the first missionaries that they would be doing God's work; doing God's work unites all of us wherever we may be. The theme of the jubilee is hope. A Salesian, said the preacher, is always cheerful because he or she bears Good News. With God we have hope and can do great things.



Bro. Nicholas Jandernoa makes his first profession. Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

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Missions Corner 🛣

Salesians Commission Ten Missionary Volunteers

By Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

(New Rochelle, NY - August 20) -

The Salesians of the New Rochelle Province commissioned ten lay missionaries during Evening Prayer on Thursday, August 14, in the chapel of the Don Bosco Retreat Center at Haverstraw, N.Y.

The five men and five women had completed three weeks of orientation for mission, including fellowship, prayer, paperwork, cultural preparation, introduction to St. John Bosco and the Salesian charism, recreation, and some practical experience in St. John Bosco Parish in Port Chester, N.Y. The final week was a retreat alongside two dozen Salesians at the retreat house, August 10-16.

Fr. Dominic Tran presided at the commissioning, assisted by Adam Rudin, director of the Salesian Lay Missioner program.

The ten Salesian Lay Missioners are Ambroise Curutchague, 23, of Bakersfield, Calif., who will serve as a teacher at Don Bosco Agricultural Training College in Lufubu, Zambia; Nathaniel Devlin, 20, of Moline, Ill., also sent to the school in Lufubu; Emily Durr, 22, of Cincinnati, will serve as a clinic nurse at the Palabek, Uganda, refugee camp; Edwin Feliberty Jr., 37, of Jersey City, N.J., will join the staff of the National



The 2025 SLMs, with Adam Rubin (back left) and Provincial Fr. Dominic Tran, SDB (right)
Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Haverstraw, N.Y.; Alexandria Foos, 25, of Westerville, Ohio, will work with young girls at the Instituto Maria Auxiliadora in San Pedro Sula, Honduras; Douglas Hinman, 30, of Littleton, Colo., will teach English at the Don Bosco Institute in Alexandria, Egypt; Jennifer Lopez, 26, of Austin, Texas, will serve first in Madrid and then in Bangkok; Angel Nuñez-Arce, 20, of Chicago, will assist with youth ministry and music at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, N.J.; Sueshai Perez, 27, of Austin, T.X., will serve alongside Jennifer in Madrid and Bangkok; and Eileen Ramirez Quintana, 27, of Buckeye, Ariz., will teach English in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Fr. Dominic took his homiletic cue from the one-verse Scripture reading of Evening Prayer, Romans 8:30. That verse, he said, suggested John Calvin's doctrine of predestination. But, he said, St. Paul's wider context notes that God's plan preceded creation and leads up to God's predestining us to belong to him through Jesus Christ. The verse highlights Mary's role in God's plan. Her Assumption into heaven points to the call all of us have received as God's children.

God has a plan for each of the lay missioners, Fr. Dominic stated, wherever they may be going. The Catholic understanding of God's plan includes human freedom. We pray that God's plan will go to and be fulfilled in all places on earth.

God's Word is always alive and active, he continued. He told the volunteers that God has destined them to be missionaries of the Word, and, as bearers of the Word, to bring hope and life to the poor. This is God's plan of love. "You are to be the instruments of God's plan and God's love," Fr. Dominic told the ten women and men



Explore photos on Shutterfly of the commissioning and the SLM hike!

Province News





Bro. Kevin White renews his vows as a Salesian of Don Bosco. Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl. SDR

Bro. Kevin White Renews Temporary **Profession**

By Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB

(New Rochelle, NY - August 20) -In a brief ritual, Bro. Kevin White renewed his profession as a Salesian of Don Bosco during Morning Prayer on Friday, August 15. Bro. Kevin made his temporary profession for two years in the St. Joseph Chapel at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point.

Fr. Dominic Tran received Bro. Kevin's profession, witnessed by Frs. George Hanna and John Langan.

Fr. Dominic based his homily on the Scripture reading of Morning Prayer, Isaiah 61:10, which opens, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord." The prophet invites us to rejoice, he stressed. We rejoice and give thanks with Mary, whose assumption is a sign of hope. We rejoice and give thanks because God has called us to be with Christ. As a Salesian Family, we rejoice and

give thanks for our religious vocation and for the brothers God gives us, including those renewing their vows today: Bro. Kevin here and Bros. Pascal Mukuye and John Taylor in Marrero.

CRTSHS in Italy: Figuring out Don Bosco's 'Lego-Divina'

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

(Tampa, FL - August 20) - During the previous school year, Fr. John Serio, SDB, director at Mary Help of Christians in Tampa, FL, received a generous donation from a past pupil who wanted to give Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School (CRTSHS) students an amazing experience: a trip to Italy! Sophomores and juniors were eligible to apply by writing an essay explaining why they wanted to participate. Anonymous essays were carefully reviewed by a committee, and thus eight students were selected. These eight were accompanied by chaperones, who included Fr. Steve Shafran, SDB, who coordinated the trip, Fr. John Serio, SDB, and me (Chioma).

The pilgrimage spanned 12 days, including travel, with stops in Turin, Rome, and Assisi. The first stop was Turin! Fr. Mike Pace, SDB, vice director of the Casa Don Bosco Museum in Turin, gave a lively tour that walked the group through the everyday life of Don Bosco and the boys of the Oratory. He made an impactful analogy comparing life at the



Fr. John Serio, SDB (second from right) with CRTSHS students Credit: Ms. Chioma Okoye

first permanent oratory, the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales, with Lectio Divina. He said, "Don Bosco lived a sort of 'Lego Divina' throughout his life [here]." Yes, our Blessed Mother would show him where things were to be built, but she didn't give specifics of how it would be done. He had to trust and try to make things work."

Upon later reflection with the group, a consensus was reached that Fr. Mike's central message to us about Don Bosco was the necessary collaboration of the divine and the human. With this fresh and more natural view of St. John Bosco in mind, we continued to Chieri, Becchi, Colle Don Bosco, and Mondonio. Here, we walked the literal roads of a growing Giovanni Bosco, who faced a multitude of hardships. Here, another quote from Fr. Mike sprang into its appropriate place: "The struggles of the boy became the strength of the man." By visiting the places where Don Bosco was born, grew up, toiled, learned, questioned, and dreamt, we gained insight into the building blocks that formed our



CRTSHS family with the Rector Major (center right)
Credit: Ms. Chioma Okove

beloved Don Bosco, not only into the man, but also the saint.

A few days later, in Rome, we celebrated Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the last church entrusted to Don Bosco to build at the end of his life. Our group also had the privilege of meeting the Rector Major, Fr. Fabio Attard, SDB! Fun fact: He and Fr. Steve Shafran were classmates! The joyful reunion accompanied an interactive tour of Don Bosco's time in Rome. The culmination of the tour took place at the altar where Don Bosco finally understood his dream of age nine.

Throughout the rest of our days in Italy, we visited many churches, cathedrals, basilicas, holy sites, and historical places. However, what remained evident to each of us was God's vivid presence both to Don Bosco and to us then. In our final group reflection, one student shared his thoughts, saying, "I think Don Bosco's life was a puzzle completed by his faith." These words continually resounded for our group, even on the long journey home.

These students are now tasked with taking what they have learned and

experienced and transmitting it into something effective for their entire student body. Please keep each of them (and the adults accompanying them) in your prayers, so that whatever plans, projects, and follow-up they create, in collaboration with the Lord and our Blessed Mother, may help to build up the Kingdom of God here at Cristo Rey Tampa Salesian High School.

Harvey: Joyful Happenings at MHC Parish

By Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB, Pastor, Mary Help of Christians Parish

(Harvey, LA – August 20) – Mary Help of Christians (MHC) Parish (the newly merged parish created from the former parishes of St. Rosalie and St. John Bosco) is doing well and becoming a vibrant parish as envisioned in the Archdiocese of New Orleans' Vibrancy Project.

In synodal fashion, the new parish chose its new name and its worship site—the former St. Rosalie campus.

The newly merged Knights of Columbus Council and Ladies Auxiliary are doing well. To accommodate our new parish programs, such as "Exceptional Needs Ministry and Fountain of Youth Aged 55+," the Knights of Columbus have sponsored a handicapped ramp for our Salesian Youth Center. This is a special blessing for our ministries.

The next three Sundays will be "Recognition Sundays" to recognize and honor the MHC Divine Mercy Society and the Rosary Guild. On these Sundays, the members will receive their membership pins and outreach packets.



MHC Parish's music ministers and sacristan-altar server Credit: Fr. Mark Hyde, SDB

Additionally, we are currently getting the buildings of our campus restored from the damage caused by Hurricane Ida. Praise God!

Our newly merged parish continues to grow. Thanks be to God and the protection of our Blessed Lady.



Stony Point: Surine Celebrates Annual Rise Up! Festival

By Mrs. Jennifer Passerino, Salesian Family

(Stony Point, NY - August 20) - On Saturday, August 9, the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians (the Shrine) held its annual Rise Up! Festival. Part of the day's activities were a kickball game between the Thiells Fire and Police Departments, a magic show, and games.

Attendees joined together at the beautiful outdoor chapel to praise and worship through song, Rosary, and confession, as well as adoration led by Deacon Tom Junis, SDB. Mass was celebrated by the Archdiocese of



Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 581 Color Guard with Auxiliary Bishop John S. Bonnici from the Archdiocese of New York and Stony Point Director Fr. Manny Gallo, SDB Credit: National Shrine of Mary Helh of Christians

New York Auxiliary Bishop John S. Bonnici and concelebrated by the Shrine's director, Fr. Manny Gallo, SDB, along with members of the Salesian community.

The Knights of Columbus Color Guard from Council 581 accompanied the procession. Fr. Manny is Chaplain of the Council 581, as well as the Thiells Fire Department. It was a beautiful day!

Upcoming Events

East Boston: Club Holds 7th Annual "Swing FORE Kids" Golf Tournament

By Bro. Bob Metell, SDB

(East Boston, MA – August 20) – The Salesian Boys & Girls Club's 7th Annual "Swing FORE Kids" Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, September 29, at the Winthrop Golf Club in Winthrop, MA. The Club invites everyone to join them for this wonderful opportunity to support its mission of enhancing the lives of children and families.



Part of the promotional image for this year's "Swing FORE Kids" Credit: Salesian Boys and Girls Club's Facebook

"Swing FORE Kids" is a popular and enjoyable golf outing. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned pro, the Club guarantees a day filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie, all while supporting a great cause—making this an event you won't want to miss.

Each year the Salesian Boys and Girls Club is excited to welcome alumni from St. Dominic Savio High School and Don Bosco Technical High School to partake in this special event.

Tee time begins at 9:00 a.m. ET. The cost is \$175 per golfer and \$700 for a foursome. Many sponsorship opportunities are available.



For more information, sponsorship opportunities, or online registration to play and/or be a sponsor or donor at the event, click here or visit the Club's Facebook page.

For questions, please contact Michael Triant at 617-567-6626 x11, michaeltriant@salesianclub.com, or Anita Belmonte @ 617-784-1744, abelmonte@salesianclub.com.



Salesian Family dining at the province's inaugural Latin Night Credit: Fr. Richard Alejunas. SDB

Aug. 24: Special Needs Mass (Harvey, LA)

Sept. 11:

Province Jubilees (Stony Point, NY)

Sept. 21: Special Needs Mass (Harvey, LA)

Sept. 29: "Swing FORE Kids"
Golf Tournament

(East Boston, MA)

Oct. 3-6: SLR Young Team (Stony Point, NY)

Oct. 4: Latin Night 2025 (New Rochelle, NY)

Oct. 6-9:

Salesian Leadership Retreat (Stony Point, NY)

Oct. 19: Special Needs Mass (Harvey, LA)

Nov. 20-22:

National Catholic Youth Conference (Indianapolis, IN)

Nov. 23: Special Needs Mass (Harvey, LA)

Various: National Shrine
Jubilee 2025 Events
(Stony Point, NY)

Need a date added?

Let us know by emailing us at communications@salesians.org.



Top photo: Bro. Jieo Tecson makes his first profession.

Bottom photo: Members of the Thiells Fire and Police Departments with Stony Point Director Fr. Manny Gallo, SDB, and members of this year's Gospel Roads.

Credit: Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB (top photo) and National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians (bottom photo)







Birthdays

August 26: Fr. Thomas Gwozdz **August 30:** Bro. Carlos Cerda



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Salesian Holiness

August 25: Bl. Maria Troncatti August 26: Bl. Ceferino Namuncurá

Prayer Remembrances

All our senior confreres in Stony Point and Tampa Bro. Joe Ackroyd, SDB 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. William Bucciferro, SDB

Brody Dollinger, grandnephew of Fr. David Sajdak, SDB **Miriam Feliciano**, mother of Fr. Abraham Feliciano, SDB

Fr. Dennis Hartigan, SDB

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Fr. Georges Parent, SDB

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"Holiness lies in joyfylly fulfilling daily duties."

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