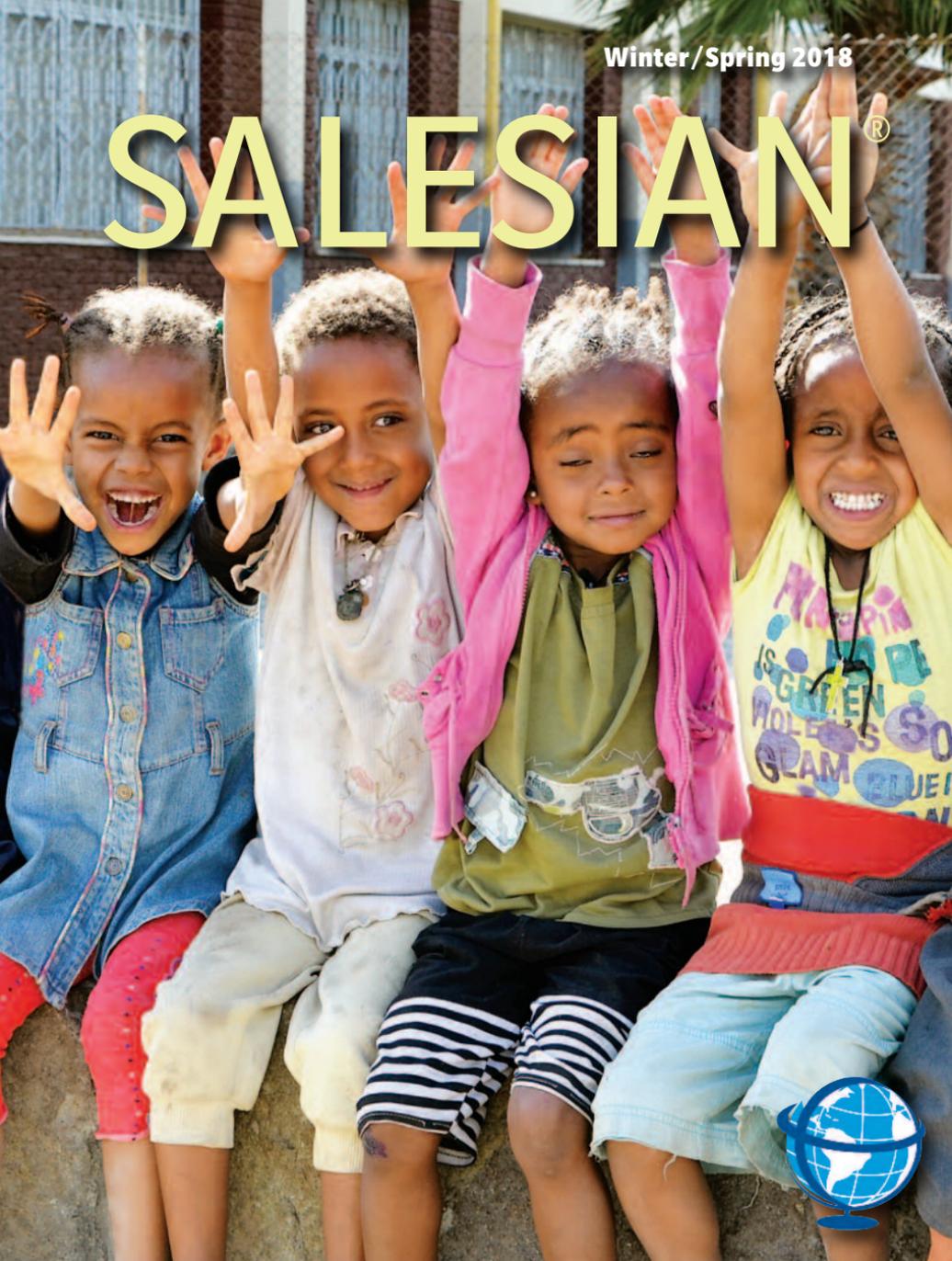


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Letter from the Editor



Dear Friend and Partner in Mission!

Did you notice the joyful faces on the cover of this magazine? It's a photo that warms my heart, because the message it conveys is genuine, and unmistakable: "We are happy!"

It's easy to take happiness for granted – to assume that all children are inherently carefree and blissful. Sadly, as I know from our Salesian missionaries around the world, nothing could be further from the truth for far too many girls and boys. Robbed of their innocence by war, disaster or illness, the indignities of forced labor and exploitation, or the lonely, unforgiving streets, they have nothing to smile about or celebrate.

Yet there is hope – and this photo is proof! Every day, your kind compassion reconnects so many precious children with the simple pleasures of childhood.

When we work to ease the daily burdens of poverty (*p. 11*), remove the threats of violence and despair (*p. 18*), and provide a sense of belonging (*p.26*), we demonstrate love for precious children who need it most. And the true human impact is clear: visible in their spontaneous expressions of joy and happiness.

I invite you to discover your own joy and happiness in the many success stories shared on these pages – possible because of your generosity.

From around the globe, you have heard their cries – and have responded with a caring kindness that allows us to bring these precious children new hope, brighter futures and the chance to sing with joy. And I will be forever grateful. May God bless you!

Sincerely,


Fr. Mark Hyde, S.D.B.

P.S. Throughout this issue of SALESIAN, you'll discover a number of ways you can continue to demonstrate your love, compassion and kindness for the impoverished children and families. Whether it's clean water, a chapel in your honor, a gift that will be multiplied 14 times, or a charitable gift annuity that can provide you with guaranteed income for life, your outstanding generosity will making a huge difference in the lives of those who need it most.



Please know that throughout 2018, Masses will be offered for you and our other partners in mission at the Basilica of Jesus the Adolescent in Bethlehem and here at our Salesian Missions Chapel.

Salesian Missions Delivers Water Tanks to School in Papua New Guinea



According to a recent study commissioned by the United Nations, Papua New Guinea suffers the poorest access to safe, clean water in the world: more than 60 percent of the population lives without a reliable source of drinking water, which causes chronic illness, time away from school and work, and other adverse circumstances.

In order to help mitigate these risks, Salesian Missions recently delivered eight water tanks to the Don Bosco Araimiri Secondary School as part of its global Clean Water Initiative.

First established in 1980, Don Bosco Araimiri is located in a remote, rural area and lacks many basic necessities. And, while its 250 students demonstrate high resilience, they occasionally lose the battle for safe water.

“We use well water for washing and cooking,” explains Patricia Pou, an 11th-grader at the school. “But during the dry months, we have to fetch water from elsewhere, and it’s not clean. Lots of us get sick. Now



with the water tanks, we can focus on our studies without worry.”

“This project aligns perfectly with our vision to ensure that every child, and every adult, has an accessible and reliable source of clean water,” says Father Mark Hyde, director of Salesian Missions. “And these improved facilities ensure that teachers and students are working and learning in an optimal environment.”

Thank you! In honor and celebration of World Water Day, March 22, 2018, Salesian Missions is proud to highlight programs such as this one in Papua New Guinea, funded through our *Clean Water Initiative*. Your support of our clean water program is saving many lives, especially those of precious children. Throughout the globe, waterborne illnesses are the second leading cause of death for children under five.

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10. I enjoyed seeing the blue nail polish and the earrings on the picture of the little girls (with the big smile) holding the "Thank You" card you just sent me!

Thank you!
Mrs. Frances Edwards

** See page 16 to find out how your \$1 donation can become \$14 in aid!*

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Notes From the Field...



A Salesian Lay Missioner Experience

Lay Missioner: Barbara Brzeski

Mission Assignment: Lubumbashi, DRC

Karibu!

In Swahili, *Karibu* means “welcome:” a word I’ve heard a lot these past two weeks as I begin my year-long journey as a Salesian Lay Missionary in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo. So, *Karibu* to my brief tour of my new home, where the locals are immensely welcoming and joyful – not just to a lone American, but to everyone!

The Salesians have served in Lubumbashi for over 100 years. Today, their presence is significant, with 14 centers for marginalized children at the hub of their work. As the main administrator for the *Centrale de Vente* (CDV) – a program established five years ago to help these centers become self-sustaining – I assist the locals who generate income by selling fruits, vegetables and meat produced at four area agricultural training schools. My colleagues,



In the style of Don Bosco, Barbara joins the fun in the playground every day!



Barbara volunteers at two centers where neglected children, many from the streets, thrive in this loving environment.

including a veterinarian and a farmer, collaborate with the farms to increase yield and assist with production while I oversee marketing and client contacts. Recently, CDV expanded our offerings to include a variety of jams, which proved highly popular at a holiday market in December. As a result, we are now low on supplies so I'm working to replenish our stock.

I also take time during the week to mingle with the children at two different centers. It's beautiful to see their bright smiles, no matter what their background has been, and I love witnessing their transformation as they thrive in a stable environment. One of my favorite centers is *Bakanja Ville*, where kids first go after being rescued from the streets. I have observed definite differences between the kids who have been living on the street for a while, and the children who have been at the center. This latter group better succeeds in handling their emotions, and are generally more joyful – perhaps because the Salesians help them





rediscover their lost childhoods. In *Bakanja Ville's* library, for example, kids not only can borrow books, but also toys, rollerblades and other sporting equipment. Each week, a Zambian man teaches the children to juggle, unicycle, tumble and perform other acrobatic tricks. Whenever I can, I join them in the courtyard to play.

Ultimately, social workers and other staff at *Bakanja Ville* hope to

reunite children with their parents or other family members. In cases where this isn't possible, however, kids are welcome to stay at *Bakanja Ville* or one of several other Salesian-run permanent shelters in the area.

I'm so grateful to be here for an extended period, so that I can witness the children's progress, and what a difference that love, attention, and security can make!

Barbara

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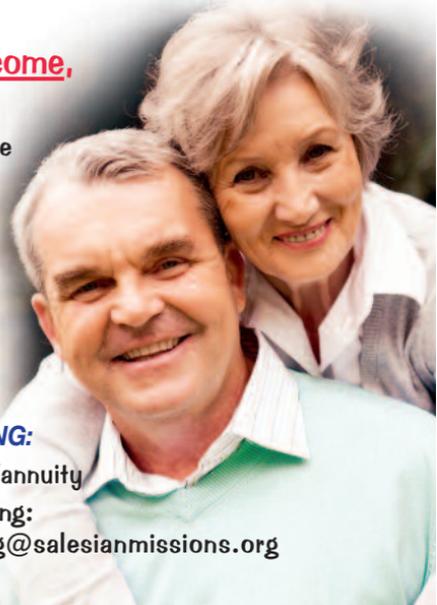
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Salesians in the U.S. and Canada

In 1897 the first Salesian missionaries (Priests & Brothers) settled in California. Salesian Sisters soon followed, arriving in New Jersey in 1908. Being a missionary in the U.S. at the time was difficult and challenging – but the good works progressed.

Today over 450 professed Salesian Priests, Brothers and Sisters are present in the United States and Canada. Salesian Provinces based in Haledon NJ, New Rochelle NY, San Antonio TX and San Francisco CA serve thousands of young and poor throughout both countries. Their ministries encompass day care centers, elementary and high schools, formation houses, religious education centers, parishes, summer camps, development offices and youth centers. Thankfully, the spirit and joy of Don Bosco is still alive today in the U.S. and Canada!

A Refuge in Florida: The Salesians in Belle Glade

Belle Glade, Florida, is marked by natural beauty: its lush agricultural landscape carved into a tapestry of color, scented by sugar cane, sod, vegetables and fruit.

“Her soil is her fortune!” exclaims the city’s welcome sign; yet this fortune has eluded so many of Belle Glade’s 17,000 residents. Instead, the hardships of working this soil are similarly carved onto their beautiful, yet weary, faces: the faces of migrant workers and day-laborers toiling long hours, with little pay and their children and parents struggling day to day. More than 30 percent of Belle Glade’s population lives below the poverty line – including an alarming 41 percent of those under the age of 18.

“Far too often, children grow up in homes that are in shambles – humanly, physically and spiritually,” says Father Matthew DeGance, pastor of St. Philip Benizi parish in Belle Glade. “In times



Happy campers on the steps of St. Philip Benizi Church in Belle Glade.

of such great need, we rely on Don Bosco's guidance to help us serve them, and their families.”

Salesian missionaries first arrived in Belle Glade in August, 1980, at the request of then Archbishop of Miami, Edward A. McCarthy. At the time, waves of Cuban and Haitian refugees sought relief from oppression and poverty at home – only to arrive in southern Florida with no language skills, personal connections, or prospects. At St. Philip Benizi, these men, women and children discovered a welcoming community: a church where they could attend Mass; a catechetical center where they could participate in religious instruction; and an oratory where youth could enjoy respite from the stresses of daily life. In the decades since, participation in all of these



More than 120 children have safe summer fun at camp each year.

programs has exploded – a phenomenon Pastor Emeritus Father Joseph Santa-Bibiana calls “bittersweet.”

“Church attendance had doubled by 2009, especially on Sundays, and we had to enlarge the church in order to accommodate the influx,” he explains. “Almost immediately, we could anticipate the need for another expansion.”

Today, St. Philip’s youth programs remain immensely popular among Belle Glade’s teens, parishioner and non-parishioner alike. Each weekday, hundreds of boys and girls descend upon the oratory for after-school activities: they play indoor and outdoor games; sing, dance, and create art; and forge friendships in a safe environment defined by mutual respect.

“They say they come here to ‘chill,’” says Fr. Joseph. “And they do. But we also hope to send them home with a little ‘fire of God’s love’ in their hearts.”

Such fire is more important now than ever, observes Fr. Matthew. He's concerned about what he describes as the "nearly complete destruction of the family unit," driven by worsening poverty and unemployment. He explains that children and teens need positive role models and guidance so they may avoid the violence, drugs and other ills that infect Belle Glade's streets. Although the youth center itself requires many repairs, Fr. Matthew and his staff hope to expand its hours of operation to include Saturdays.

For now, Hurricane Irma has placed all non-essential repairs, upgrades and expansions on hold as the Salesian community seeks to address the storm's extensive damage. Despite losses to their own property, the Salesians are most concerned with helping Belle Glade's residents to recover.

"It is not an exaggeration to say that 85 to 90 percent of our families were forced to evacuate, and have suffered considerable financial losses because of it," says Fr. Matthew. "Their time away from the fields, and the flooding in the fields themselves, means



The interior of St Philip Benizi Church – a spiritual refuge for the people of Belle Glade.



they have been unable to earn any money. I must receive six to eight requests each day for help with food and utility bills. With the grace of God, we will all get through this.”

Looking ahead, Fr. Matthew dreams of launching a comprehensive after-school program that fully meets the academic, human and spiritual needs of local children. Operating five days per week from 3-9pm, the program would include tutoring, a nightly meal, and recreational opportunities.

“Such a project will build upon the great efforts made by many Salesians over the past 37 years,” he concludes. “And it will help so many deserving children turn their lives around.” ♥



◀ *Hurricane Irma hit the parish hard this last September. All non-essential repairs were put on hold as the Salesian community works to clear up and repair the damage.*

The Salesian High School Student Council in NY, hosted a car wash to help Hurricane Relief efforts at Salesian works in Florida and Puerto Rico. Over \$1,500 was raised and in April the students will be conducting a mission trip to Belle Glade, FL. ▶



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Salesian Snapshots



... a scrapbook of stories
from around the Salesian world



Young women learning the business of artisan candlemaking.

INDIA: Teaching impoverished women marketable skills

Since 2001, the Don Bosco Development Society (DBDS) has worked throughout India to address the problems of poverty. In addition to its emphasis on health care, educational access, food security and clean water, the organization is particularly interested in empowering young women with the skills they need to support themselves and their families. Last year, more than 200 women participated in training opportunities designed to help them launch profitable micro-businesses.

“In impoverished communities in India and around the world, one income often isn’t enough to sustain a family’s most basic needs,” says Father Mark Hyde, director of Salesian Missions. “Yet, cultural barriers and gender inequalities mean that young women do not have the same access to education as men, and are often discouraged from working outside the home. As a result, far too many families are bound by the chains of poverty with no hope of escape.”

Recently in Mumbai – where 60 percent of the population lives in slums, and where a devastating monsoon season left much of the city underwater for weeks – the DBDS offered a candle-making workshop for impoverished women affected by the flooding. During this two-day

training session, 40 women learned to make artisan candles from raw materials provided by DBDS. They also learned how to budget, price, market and sell their products.

“I learned valuable income-generating skills that will help me and my family recover from our losses,” says Mrs. Hassina Khan, one of the workshop’s participants. “I am grateful for Don Bosco and this opportunity.”

VENEZUELA: New hope for street children

In Caracas, Venezuela, thousands of vulnerable children live on the streets: victims of escalating economic inequality, food insecurity, and home-based violence. Here, they struggle to survive amid the threat of gang violence, the lure of alcohol and drugs, and a society bent on pushing them aside.

“Public policy does little to protect these girls and boys,” says Leonardo Rodríguez, president of the Salesian-run *Red de Casas Don Bosco* (“Network of Don Bosco Homes”) – a nonprofit association that assists homeless youth. “They have no rights or recourse to address exploitation or abuse. Worse, they have little opportunity to learn the skills they need to reverse their situations. They become trapped with no hope for a better future.”

Together with dedicated staff throughout the network, Mr. Rodríguez is determined to teach these youngsters to become self-sufficient, socially integrated members of society.

At *Patio Abierto Don Bosco* – one of several shelters in the network – youth discover a safe haven where they are treated with dignity and respect. Four times per week, staff ventures into the streets to introduce



*Patio Abierto Don Bosco -
a Salesian-run safe haven for street children.*



children to the center – where they can bathe, wash their clothes, enjoy a nutritious meal, rest, and play sports. This is a first step on a journey toward improved quality of life through comprehensive rehabilitation leading to a brighter future.

NIGERIA: Donated bus improves opportunities for students

The John Bosco Institute of Technology in Ondo, Nigeria, was established in 1987 and has more than 2,000 graduates to date. The school offers courses in mechanical engineering, carpentry, automotive engineering, electrical installation, business administration, computer science, and event management. Currently, 400 students are learning important skills and trades in order to prepare themselves for the workforce.

Thanks to a recent donation by Stocker Bus Company in Newton, New Jersey, these students now have a way to easily participate in meaningful extracurricular activities that contribute to their personal development: their own school bus. Salesian Missions secured the bus and shipped it to the school.

“Donations like this bus help ensure a well-rounded education for our students,” says Father Eric Akinboboye, a Salesian priest serving in the Ondo community. “Now, they can take full advantage of everything offered in the surrounding areas and at other schools, such as academic competitions, peer-to-peer activities, and sporting events – without the stress of wondering how or if they can get there.”



The donated bus transporting grateful students!

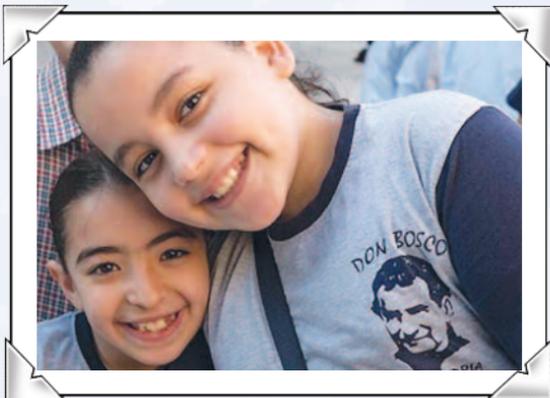
EGYPT: Don Bosco's gift to youth

In 1896, Father Michael Rua first established a presence in Alexandria, Egypt. Since then, Salesian missionaries have worked on behalf of some of the country's most impoverished men, women and children. At a time when as many as 49 percent of rural families cannot meet their most basic food and shelter requirements, this assistance is critical.

Throughout the country, Salesian missionaries run high-quality vocational schools, oratories, refugee programs and other services. In the Zaytoun district of Cairo, for example, the Salesian community provides education and social development services for youth and their families living in poverty.

“Our programs are frequented by street children, orphans, children of workers, middle-class young people and people of many religious backgrounds,” says Father Dany Kerio, Rector. “We also serve South Sudanese refugees and displaced persons – tribes and ethnic groups that would be enemies at home, but are at peace with each other here. So many prejudices have been dispelled.” Additionally in Cairo, the Salesian-run vocational school attracts 800 students from around the country. And, back in Alexandria, what was initially a school for young Italian immigrants now educates 900 students.

For so many youth in Egypt, a Salesian education represents the only opportunity they have to break the chains of poverty, prejudice and despair. Christian and Muslim alike, youth and parents recognize this true and lasting gift of Don Bosco. ♥



Young Egyptian students enjoying a Salesian education.

What was once sticks and straw...

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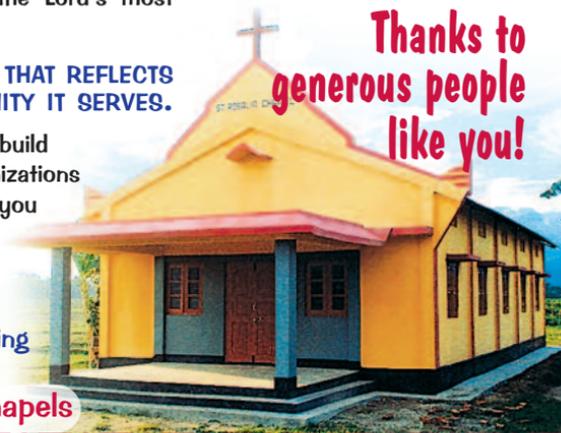
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Another Don Bosco Legacy Society Event...



*Celebration of the Eucharist and Rite of Ordination
to the Priesthood of four Salesian Deacons*

The morning of June 24, 2017 began with cloudy skies and drizzle. But that did not deter the arrival of a number of Salesian Missions Don Bosco Legacy Society members along with several Salesian staff members and two very special guests. These included visiting Missionaries, Fr. John Vaikath, S.D.B. of Calcutta, India and Fr. Sean McEwen, S.D.B. of South Africa. A simple buffet breakfast was kicked off by the blessings and welcoming remarks of Salesian Missions Director, Fr. Mark Hyde, S.D.B. During the



breakfast, the group was treated to inspiring remarks from Fr. John and Fr. Sean who spoke passionately about the Salesian programs they direct in their respective countries. They described many challenges they face and the persistence and dedication they and their fellow missionaries employ to implement life-changing programs that benefit so many children. Their remarks gave credence to the good work accomplished every day by the Salesian family and validate the dreams of St. Don Bosco.



Fr. John Vaikath, S.D.B. with Salesian Mission's Director, Fr. Mark Hyde, S.D.B. and Fr. Sean McEwen, S.D.B.



Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, S.D.B., with procession of soon-to-be Priests.

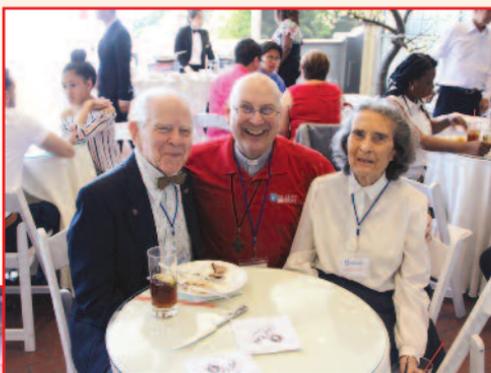
As the breakfast concluded, the sky cleared and the group traveled the short distance to *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church* in Pelham, NY to witness the Celebration of the Eucharist and Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood of four Salesian Deacons; Paul Phuoc Trong Chu, S.D.B.; Minh Duc Dang, S.D.B.; Jean Wilgintz Polynice, S.D.B.; and Dieunel Victor, S.D.B..

The Principal Celebrant

of this beautiful ceremony was His Eminence, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga, S.D.B., who flew directly from the Vatican for this blessed occasion. The church was full to capacity of the faithful, including approximately two hundred priests who actively participated in the ordination.

John Janet and Donna Griffin, two Salesian Missions Don Bosco Legacy Society members remarked “It was a distinct honor to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of four of God’s servants into the Salesian Order. The Mass was a beautiful ceremony and the Ordination of the newly Ordained Priests was a very moving and powerful experience. We were honored to attend, and look forward to being part of future Vocations to the Salesian Order.”

Following the ceremony, the hundreds who attended enjoyed a wonderful reception celebration and luncheon. ❤️



Following the Mass and Ordination, Fr. Mark joined Salesian friends at a joyful luncheon celebration.



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A Safe Haven for the Night... and Much More!

Two months after Rabbul Hussain's mother passed away, his father – as is customary in rural villages throughout India – remarried. When Rabbul's new stepmother not only refused to accept him, but also regularly beat him, he felt compelled to run away.

"I was only eight years old; but I was feeling so sad and unloved," Rabbul explains. Hoping to find his maternal uncle, he hopped on a bus – but navigating a complicated, crowded system proved impossible. Instead, he found himself at Kolkata's Howrah train station – lost and scared in one of India's busiest transit centers.

Rabbul's fate seemed bleak. Each day in India, millions of orphaned, abandoned or run-away children struggle to survive on the streets. Few escape the horrors of rampant exploitation, forced labor, physical violence and substance abuse.

"These children are the reason we exist," says Father Alfred Paul, director of Don Bosco Ashalayam in Kolkata.





In 1985, a Salesian priest first noticed the unsettling numbers of unaccompanied girls and boys roaming around the platforms of Howrah station. He took action and opened Don Bosco Ashalayam which has offered safe shelter, nutritious meals, warm beds and medical care to more than 80,000 youth. Outreach staff first invite these “railway children” to one of two night shelters, which introduces them to life in a safe, supportive environment. (Monthly events called *melas*, or festivals, draw even greater numbers of children to the shelters). And, while they are always free to leave, many girls and boys elect to remain under the care of the Salesian staff. In such instances, children are placed at one of 20 Salesian homes around Kolkata according to gender and age. There they receive basic education, vocational and life skills training, and a chance to build brighter futures. Those who struggle with addictions can also attend a five-day residential program that equips youth to



"For the first time in my life, I felt like I belonged."

– Rabbul Hussain

make life-positive choices free from substance abuse.

Fortunately for Rabbul, Ashalayam staff discovered him almost immediately – and the rest is history.

“When I arrived, the kids were gathered for summer camp: playing games, singing songs and eating ice cream. They invited me to join in, and for the first time in my life, I felt like I belonged.”

After an unsuccessful reunification attempt with his father, Rabbul remained with Ashalayam and proved to be a motivated, successful student. Now 18, he mentors younger boys who have suffered similar life circumstances.

“I see myself in them,” he says, “and I want them to be just as happy as I have become.” ❤️

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