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# *In Loving Memory*



*Fr. Augustine Baek, S.D.B.  
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*It is with profound sadness that we must inform you that Fr. Augustine “Gus” Baek, SDB, died on December 30 at the Salesian Provincial Center in New Rochelle, after a brave battle with cancer. He was 64 years old and had been a professed Salesian of Don Bosco for 35 years and a priest for 27 years.*

*In 2019, the Salesians called upon Fr. Baek to assume leadership at Salesian Missions in New Rochelle. A kind and pious man, he blessed the office with inspiration, energy, and an ever-cheerful disposition. After his cancer diagnosis, he carried on as best he could, even traveling to make mission appeals as late as August 2022. During his two years of illness, Fr. Baek was usually upbeat and hopeful. He was always ready for whatever God was asking of him. Please join us in prayer for his eternal rest with our Father in Heaven and for the Lord’s blessing on the children in our missions and the many lives he touched.*

*Fr. Timothy Ploch, who has been working alongside Fr. Gus at the Mission Office since 2021, will immediately step into the role of Interim Director. Please pray for Fr. Tim as he continues to guide all who work at the Mission Office.*

*May Fr. Gus’s life of sacrifice and service to the young encourage us to persevere through this time of loss.*

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the  
strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

*Psalms 73:26*



# SELFLESS SOLIDARITY IN PAKISTAN



Today, more than 3.5 million people—many of them innocent children—have been uprooted, displaced, and deeply affected by conflict in Afghanistan.



“In 2021 alone, close to 700,000 Afghans were displaced by conflict and its ongoing effects,” says Father Gus Baek, director of Salesian Missions. “And they desperately need humanitarian relief, whether they remain at home or flee across the border into neighboring countries.”

Since 1998, when they first arrived in Pakistan, Salesian missionaries have provided quality educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth. Throughout the country, Salesian-run schools provide economic benefits, scholarships, and accommodations for students from the poorest families—and this accessibility often serves

as an incentive for parents to send their children to school when they otherwise might have no choice but keep them out of school to help earn money.



Drawing upon this existing network—and leveraging their trusted presence among the communities in which they serve—our missionaries have launched several initiatives on behalf of Afghan refugees fleeing violence and oppression at home.

### **Peshawar**

At Don Bosco Lahore in Peshawar, Pakistan, missionaries welcome hundreds of refugee families with open arms ... and crucial support.

Here, 1,500 children and adults receive shelter and basic necessities. Recently, with help from Salesian Missions donors—and in collaboration with Peshawar authorities and city administration—missionaries and staff distributed additional aid to benefit 200 families of various sizes.

Mr. Vincent, who coordinated these efforts, says “the Christian community of Peshawar has rallied around the value of solidarity. We felt proud that we could selflessly help people of other religions in a spirit of universal brotherhood.”

“Offering humanitarian assistance to refugee families is a logical extension to our missionaries’ work on behalf of the poor,” says Fr. Gus. “Not only is it the right thing to do, but it models the ideals of Don Bosco



and our Catholic faith for our students, so they may carry those ideals forward into the world.”

### Quetta

Missionaries in this border city are working to provide normalcy and educational continuity for families and children fleeing the Taliban.



These dedicated men and women already had been welcoming Afghan children whose own classrooms were destroyed into Salesian schools. Now, they have stepped up their efforts to assist those who have permanently left their home country. Here, an experienced Salesian lay volunteer named John has begun coordinating and delivering groceries and other daily necessities to refugee households. He also ensures that children attend school, providing uniforms, books, and supplies so they are ready to succeed.

“When they hear I am working for Don Bosco, [these families] are very happy, very grateful,” he reports.

“The only support we have here is from Don Bosco, from Mr. John,” agrees Habidja, explaining that the one-time humanitarian aid her family received from a well-known international agency—while helpful—simply wasn’t enough. With ongoing assistance from the Salesians, however, they can pay rent, buy groceries, and access other necessary services.

“Education—the bedrock of our work in Pakistan—is crucial not only to ending poverty, but also for addressing the root causes of

war and conflict,” says Fr. Gus. “So is compassion. These additional initiatives, and the likely more that will follow, demonstrate the positive benefits of both.”

To view first-hand accounts of our work on behalf of Afghan refugees in Pakistan, please scan the QR code below or visit [salesianmissions.org/afghan-refugees](http://salesianmissions.org/afghan-refugees).



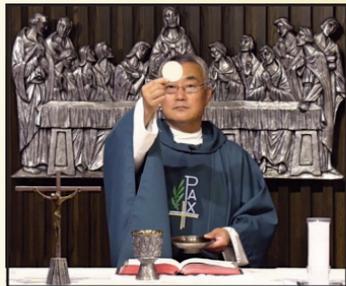
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# *Renewable Energy, Renewed Hope*

Founded in 1982, the Don Bosco Vocational Training Center in Dodoma is among the oldest training institutions in Tanzania—where more than 1,700 students per year participate in 12 major courses in the trades that offer a wide range of career prospects for its graduates.

Such training remains crucial in a country where more than two-thirds of the population lives in poverty. Here, youth face ongoing challenges to employment—including educational barriers and a lack of meaningful opportunities—that prevent them from changing the trajectory of their lives.





Until recently, Mohamed Athumani was one of them.

With a background rooted in deprivation, Mohamed hadn't been a successful student in primary school, which disqualified him from attending a government-funded high school. In order to help his parents pay for a private education, he had to work—which caused him to miss classes and ultimately fail them.



“Without an education, youth in Tanzania can't escape their generational poverty,” explains Father Gus Baek, director of Salesian Missions. “And when they're poor, they can't afford the education

they need. Mohamed didn't experience the same opportunities that his better-off classmates did in school because he had to spend so much time away from the classroom just working to pay for tuition. It's a vicious cycle our missionaries see over and over again in poor communities around the world.”

**Enter the Center's renewable energy training program.**



Added in 2018 and partially funded by grants made to Salesian Missions, this most recent, highly relevant certification program prepares graduates with the practical skills they need to build brighter, more sustainable futures. Mohamed enrolled as soon as he learned of it, and today he is one of the many successful graduates who already are interning, employed full-time, or have launched their own businesses in the solar energy field.



In addition to practical education, students in the renewable energy program benefit from crucial soft skills training, field placements, career guidance, and job search assistance. Program administrators have even added a business development training course that teaches students how to create a business plan and formally register their own small companies.





“As the world faces growing environmental degradation and climate change challenges, there is a need to embrace sustainable development more than ever before,” says Fr. Gus. “Training programs like this one at Don Bosco Dodoma provide a real opportunity for students to gain an education in a growing and much-needed field of study.”

Further, he says, the program bridges the widening divide between those who have access to opportunities, and those who are increasingly marginalized and excluded from the new economy by going beyond a simple training course to a holistic end-to-end program.



Which brings us back to Mohamed—who feels eternally grateful for the life-changing experience that Don Bosco Dodoma provided him. “I am happy and really appreciate the Don Bosco training,”

he says. “I was able to discover my true vision to be a solar technician.”

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# Notes From The Field



## A Salesian Lay Missioner Experience

**LAY MISSIONER: ADAM GOETZ**

**MISSION ASSIGNMENT: COLIMA, MEXICO**



Recently, I was helping to clear out some rubble from a damaged wall—the result of an earthquake that happened shortly after I arrived in what is to be my new home for the next two years. When I looked up through the dust, I saw a familiar face. “Güero!” I said to the young lad walking in, calling him my nickname for “Blond.” He just smiled and dove in with a helping hand.

The short amount of time I have spent so far in Colima, Mexico, has shown me beauty in life ... more, even, than I had anticipated. When I first received my mission assignment and found out I would be coming here, I had some second thoughts. I questioned my ability to understand and communicate in Spanish, but thankfully the community has embraced me. Given the high level of need, and the delicate situation here in Colima, I knew this assignment was a responsibility I was being trusted with. And it's one I didn't take lightly.

Arriving in Colima, my primary responsibility was to help out at Casa Hogar del Niño Colimense—a boarding house that provides weekly accommodation for at-risk girls and boys who attend St. Dominic Savio School and youth center here. These students predominantly come from highly impoverished backgrounds; living on campus during weeknights alleviates some of their families' financial burdens and allows their parents to work. More than 20 boys and 20 girls ages 6-15 stay at Casa Hogar, where they receive daily meals, get academic tutoring, and participate in a variety of after-school enrichment activities.



The Casa is truly more than just a residence: it serves as a second home for these kids. From the time they first wake up in the morning, we help them learn responsibility by doing chores and completing their homework—and also how to have fun through games and sports. We feed them a healthy lunch and then send them off to school for the afternoon. Later in the evening, students return for dinner and retire for the night so they may wake up ready for school the next day.



Typically, each school week concludes with catechism and Mass for the kids before they go home to be with their families for the weekends.

The Salesians have also invited me into other projects in Colima, including the Brigadas de Alegría and Amigos de Domingo Savio among others. Brigadas de Alegría is a program that provides a safe space for kids to play, learn, and pray; I help out by coordinating some of the games and activities there. And Amigos de Domingo Savio is a group of catechists chosen to help teens learn more about the Catholic faith. Here, I help devise lesson

plans and also do a little teaching.

Colima is an area with a history of natural disasters, and I have experienced some of them since being here. A large earthquake, which I mentioned earlier, occurred and caused much damage to the city; ever since then, the community has been hard at work to recover and rebuild. It has been a beautiful sight to witness how the community has joined together to offer mutual aid!



It will take four months to fully repair all of the damage at Casa Hogar. And I can't wait! Once the work is complete, we will all enjoy a more normal schedule, and I'll have even more time to run around and play with the kids.

Going forward, I hope to give my heart even more fully to Colima and be a witness to Christ's presence in the lives of those around me. I am grateful to have been invited to serve here and look forward to everything that's in store.

*God bless you all*

*Adam*

Editor's note: Originally from Peosta, Iowa, Adam graduated from Loras College in Dubuque before joining the Salesian Lay Missioner program.

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# SALESIANS IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

**I**n 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!

## Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club

*Teaching, Mentoring, and Inspiring  
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Originally founded in 1921 in the North Beach area of San Francisco, the Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club boasts just four executive directors during that time. And if Randal DeMartini has anything to say about it, there won't be a fifth anytime soon.

“God willing, I'd like to make it to 50 years of having been employed here,” he explains enthusiastically. “And that's still six years from now!”



Such storied tenure, if achieved, would be remarkable in and of itself—made even more so considering that fact that it would represent fully half of the club's 100-year history. Yet Mr.



DeMartini's connection extends back even further, to his many years as a youth participant beginning at the age of seven.

Back then, Randal attended the adjacent Saints Peter and Paul School on Filbert Street, a Salesian elementary school catering to the area's heavily Italian immigrant population. And once the bell rang each afternoon, he and his friends would head directly next door for a game of basketball or other activity. "We simply grew up here at the Club," he recalls.

While neighborhood demographics have changed—and the Salesian Boys' and Salesian Girls' Clubs have since merged—the organization's core mission remains the same: to provide a safe place for all members to have transformative experiences that help them learn, grow, and thrive.

On June 18, 2022, the Club

marked its centenary with a Mass and celebratory event attended by nearly 450 current and past members, their families, and friends. Randal DeMartini, of course, was one of them. SALESIAN recently caught up with him to learn more about the club's origins, achievements, and vision for the next 50 years and beyond. (Note: the following interview has been edited for length and clarity).

**SM:** How long have you been involved with the Club?

**RD:** *I like to say 'forever.'* (Laughs). *But if you're talking about my time in a leadership role, it's been about 44 years, starting when I was 18.*

**SM:** Wow.

**RD:** *Exactly! I was about to graduate high school, and had big dreams to take acting lessons*

in a local community college and make it to Broadway. But Fred [Scolari, the Club's second executive director] had a different idea. He was eyeing his own retirement, and his assistant Russ [Gambino] would soon be stepping into the executive director's role. Both men thought I would make a good trainee for Russ's job. And the rest—as they say—is history.

**SM:** What have you seen since then? How has the Club evolved?

**RD:** Over time, the original Italian immigrant families in North Beach moved on. That made room for families of many different origins to move in, which is a great thing. Still, during the '70s, that meant Club membership dropped significantly because the strong

neighborhood connections just weren't there the way they used to be.

When Fred hired me, I vowed to myself and the membership that the Club would never go through a lull like that again.

**SM:** Were you able to make good on that promise?

**RD:** Thank you God, yes. I and Russ Gambino began reaching out far beyond Saints Peter and Paul School, letting kids at local public schools know that they were welcome to come to the Club. And they did. We now draw from four or five local public elementary and middle schools.



To this day, I can tell you that the Club became a second home to many of them. We had kids from broken homes, we had kids from middle class, we had kids from—well, it didn't make a difference. They all belonged here, and we were their family. Then, when Russ decided to merge the Boys' Club and the Girls' Club [in 1994], membership truly exploded. To this day, we average a minimum of 200 kids in our after school program.



**SM:** That's fantastic.

**RD:** It is. And the best thing? We've maintained our roots. The mission and the activities my predecessors started back then, we continue. In 1921, they asked, "Where was a facility where kids

could hang out and participate in healthy activities?" And so the Club introduced the boys to education, athletics, performing arts, ping pong, pool, overnight summer camps, and winter ski trips. We keep doing these things that started over 100 years ago, and I think that's where our ongoing success comes in.

**SM:** What sorts of new activities have you added?

**RD:** Now, we have a big arts and crafts program, for instance. And we have a beautiful kitchen where we offer cooking classes. And one of my personal interests is teaching kids etiquette—how to sit politely at the dinner table without looking at their cell phones, or how to order in a restaurant. So I add that on to some of the cooking classes.

**SM:** Speaking of your personal interests, where do you see the Club headed? What other goals do you wish to accomplish?

**RD:** There are two big ones. First, I'd like to establish an

*endowment. If successful, that would mean that staff wouldn't have to spend so much time on fundraising events and could instead focus their full attention on working with the kids—the whole reason we exist.*

[Editor's note: The Club's annual operating budget is \$2 million, the vast majority of which comes from several big events. Kids who belong to the Club pay a \$10 membership fee if they can].

*Second, I would really like to establish a robust career guidance program for high school students. I think it would be helpful for them to hear from people in a variety of professions—whether in the trades, in civil service, or something that requires a college degree—so they can begin thinking about what they might like to do long before they get to college.*

*Overarching those two things, though? We really just want to help all the kids in the Bay Area. We want to make sure they have a safe environment where they can enjoy their childhoods. And when they go on to successful careers, hopefully they'll be motivated to give back and support that Club.*

That, says Mr. DeMartini, will help ensure the Club's legacy for the next 100 years.

As for his own? Mr. DeMartini has a few ideas about who should succeed him when he retires. He's just not saying what they are ... yet.



For more information on the Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club, visit their official website at [salesianclub.org](http://salesianclub.org).



# A New Lease on Life



In Andhra Pradesh, India, children don't have easy lives. And it's no wonder: high rates of multidimensional poverty drive thousands of them to the streets, where they struggle with the daily horrors of rampant exploitation, forced labor, physical violence, trafficking, and worse. At Ekalavya Children's Home, a Salesian-run sanctuary in Konaseema, hundreds of them are finally learning to dream of brighter futures.

Located behind a railway station in Rajahmundry, and licensed by the state's Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Ekalavya serves runaway, at-risk, and exploited boys and girls with nowhere else to turn. Professional staff closely collaborate with local authorities to rescue children who beg on the station's platforms by day and huddle under them by night. Instead of landing in juvenile detention centers, these kids discover safe shelter and a nurturing environment where their basic needs are met.

“Our missionaries are an important part of the safety net for



children facing adversity in India,” explains Father Gus Baek, director of Salesian Missions. “Throughout the country, programs like these create new possibilities for forgotten girls and boys to succeed. They also prioritize the safety of highly at-risk youth, protecting them through child rights education and removing

them from dangerous and exploitative situations.”

Staff at Ekalavya also partner with a regional child help line to make services available 24 hours a day. Some rescued children live in the home, participate in skill development programs, and attend nearby schools for their basic education. Others enter the short-term shelter program, staying until they can reunite with their families or receive rehabilitation services elsewhere.



All children receive psycho-social support, too, which helps them understand their emotions and form healthy relationships with their peers and adults. Trained professionals run weekly meetings where children can discuss things that are bothering them and learn skills for working through interpersonal issues and resolving conflict in productive ways. And they have a care mother around at all times, who provides a calming presence and a regular routine.

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# Salesian Snapshots

a scrapbook of  
stories from around  
the Salesian world

## UGANDA

### Moo-ving Toward Self-Sufficiency

Each morning in Namugongo, a small herd of cows delivers a happy message—bellowed across the fields as they approach the milking barn at Don Bosco Children and Life Missions. The children will eat!



Don Bosco CALM serves more than 200 youth, many of whom have experienced poverty, abandonment, and homelessness. Yet resources are scarce, and missionaries constantly worry how they will cover the operational costs associated with feeding, housing, and educating the children who depend on them for care.

Recently, a generous Salesian Missions benefactor has eased their concerns—by funding the purchase of five new cows whose milk helps nourish the children.

“We can now breathe and save some money we would otherwise have spent,” says Father Elie Nyandwi, who directs Don Bosco CALM’s orphanage and primary school. “This will help us solve some of the children’s concurrent problems in a more sustainable way—especially as the herd grows.”



## MEXICO: Serving the Vulnerable Where They Are



Tijuana is a city that straddles the intersection of hope and despair: striving, against long odds, to bridge the gap between poverty and violence on one side, and the promise of better opportunities on the other.

Every day, desperate children and families from all over Central America arrive here with little more than their clothing and their resolve. Unable to enter the U.S.—and unwilling to return to the conditions that caused them to flee their homes—many stagnate at the border without the means to improve their situations. And local social services agencies often can't meet the increased demand for help.



That's when our missionaries at the Tijuana Project step in. Since 1987—through a network of six parish-based youth centers—these dedicated Salesians have helped migrants and other vulnerable populations understand their legal rights, access public services, and live in dignity. Recently, they organized a fair that provided medical and dental services, crime prevention education, welfare assistance for the elderly and disabled, and more.



Local government agencies took note of the fair's success and have pledged to join forces with the Tijuana Project to better understand the needs of the local population and bring relevant services directly into their communities.

# The Face of Resilience



Paulo Cayeye was just 10 years old when he saw a friend fatally shot during an attempted robbery. Sadly, he wasn't really shocked; the two boys, along with three other friends, had been spending the majority of their time on the streets. There, with each passing day, their future prospects grew dimmer in a rearview mirror clouded by substance abuse and crime.

Fortunately, with help from a Salesian-run program in Luanda, Angola, Paulo turned his life around. More than that, he's helping other kids do the same.

"I had a very turbulent and dangerous life because of what I was doing," he reflects. "[My friends and I] caused a lot of sadness and pain. But thanks to 'A New Beginning' I have gone back to school and am taking a technical course in mechanics, which is one of my dreams with which I hope to help my parents."

'A New Beginning' protects and promotes the rights of children like Paulo who are in conflict with the law. Administered by Salesians in Angola and co-funded by the European Union, the project involves the collaboration of several organizations and institutions, both national and international. Currently, 'A New Beginning' serves 208 youth: 58 who are on probation;

83 taking part in community service; 28 with social protection measures; and 39 awaiting a court decision.

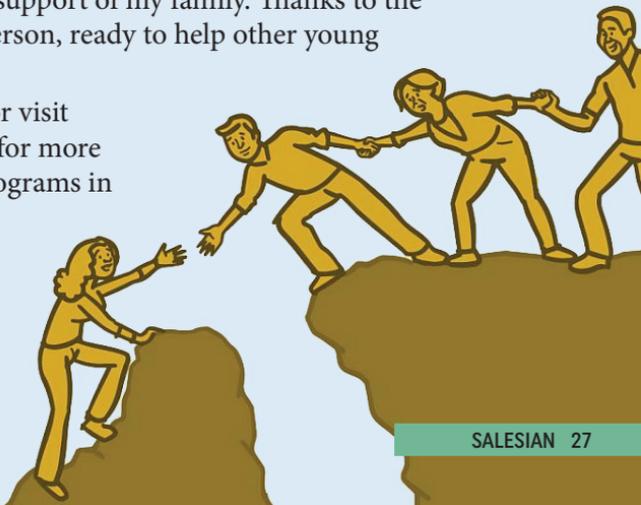
Among the program's many activities, youth and their parents participate in workshops where youth tell personal stories of resilience and transformation. The program emphasizes personal development and parenting skills with the dual goals of reuniting and reintegrating families, and empowering youth to make a fresh start through social skills development.

Before discovering his own new beginning, Paulo was hardly alone on the streets. Today in Angola, where 45 percent of the population is under the age of 15, endemic poverty hits youth particularly hard. Only 20 percent of children between the ages of 12 and 17 are in school, and this lack of education quickly leads to despair. With no constructive way to spend their time, no potential for sustainable employment, and no vision for something better, thousands of young people fall prey to drugs, alcohol, and apathy. For his part, Paulo repeatedly ignored his mother's entreaties to change. He simply saw no problem with how he conducted his life.

Today, however, he inspires youth like him to embrace positive change through his own example.

"A New Beginning' provided me with medical and psychological care, as well as technical and practical courses, which have contributed greatly to my recovery with the full support of my family. Thanks to the Salesians, I am now a new person, ready to help other young people."

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