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The Logo of the Salesians of Don Bosco is made up of two superimposed images: in the background a stylised "S" (Salesians) in white marked to the right and left by two cuttings between the hills (a road). The second image is in the centre of the globe: an arrow pointing upwards resting on three perpendicular legs on top of which are three closed circles making a stylised image of three people: the first of these in the middle and taller (the Salesian) appears as if embracing the side figures (the young). The three stylised figures can also be viewed as an arrow pointing upwards (education / formation) or simply as a dwelling (Salesian house) with three pillars holding it up (reason, religion, loving kindness).



The coat of arms of the Salesian Congregation shows the shining star, the large anchor, the heart on fire symbolizing faith, hope and charity; the figure of St. Francis de Sales recalling the Patron of the Society; the small wood in the lower part reminds us of the Founder (Bosco) the high mountains signify the heights of perfection towards which members strive; the interwoven palm and laurel that enfold the shield either side are emblematic of the prize reserved for a sacrificial and virtuous life. The motto *Da mihi animas, caetera tolle* (give me souls, take the rest) expresses every Salesian's ideal.

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Marija: Harsien u Ghajnuna

Tajjeb li l-qarrejja tagħna jkunu jafu li hemm rabta ċara u qawwija bejn il-festa ta' Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara, li tinzamm nhar il-24 ta' Mejju, u l-festa tal-Madonna tar-Rużarju li niċċelebraw nhar is-7 ta' Ottubru.

Fis-sena 1571, il-kmandant tal-flotta Torka, li kienu qegħdin jheddu li jinwadu u jeqirdu r-religjon nisranija mill-Ewropa kollha, ġie meġġub fl-ibħra ta' Lepanto nhar is-7 ta' Ottubru, u l-biċċa l-kbira tal-flotta Musulmana waqqgħet f'idejn l-Insara. Sabiex tibqa' titfakkar din ir-rebħa kbira, il-Papa Piu V ordna li titlu ġdid ta' MARIJA GHAJNUNA TAL-INSARA jiġi miżjud fil-litanija tal-Verġni Mbierka. Fl-anniversarju ta' din ir-rebħa, l-istess Papa introduċa l-Festa tal-Madonna tar-Rużarju li kellha tinzamm kull sena nhar is-7 ta' Ottubru, il-jum meta Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara għenet lill-Insara f'Lepanto sabiex isalvaw u jippreservaw il-fidi fl-Ewropa.

Hafna snin wara, fl-1815, il-Papa Piu VII, malli nħeles minn taħt idejn Napuljun, amar li l-festa ta' Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara tibda tinzamm nhar l-24 ta' Mejju. Hekku mbagħad li fl-1861, il-Madonna tgħarraf lil San Ġwann Bosco li hija xtaqet li tinxtered devozzjoni lejha bit-titlu ta' 'Ghajnuna tal-Insara'. Dun Bosco wettaq ix-xewqa tal-Madonna u mhux biss bena Bazilka f'Turin u waqqaf, ma' Marija Domenica Mazzarello, is-

Sorijiet Salesjani li jissejġu 'Uljed Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara', imma wkoll ta bidu għal Assoċjazzjoni ta' 'Devoti ta' Marija Awżiljatriċi'. Huwa kiteb u ppubblika artikli u kotba fuq Marija, insista fuq ir-recta ta' kuljum tar-RUŻARJU, b'devozzjoni, bħala l-aqwa talba lil Marija.

Wara dan li għidna, wieħed jista' jara l-konnessjoni ċara bejn iż-żewġ titli tal-Madonna, dak ta' Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara u dak ta' Sidtna tar-Rużarju; u jara li did-devozzjoni ma jinsihix speċjalment matul ix-xhur ta' Mejju u Ottubru.

Imma nistgħu ngħidu li teżisti rabta oħra bejn l-Ewropa tal-1571 u l-Ewropa tal-2011 li fuqha nixtieg niġbed l-attenzjoni tagħkom. Ser ikollna forsi ngħidu li t-tneħħija tal-fidi fl-Ewropa, li ma seħhitx fl-imgħoddi permezz tal-ġlied u gwerer, qiegħda titwettaq illum bil-hafna nies nhux insara li dahlu fl-Ewropa u bis-sekularizzazzjoni? Ma għadniex kemm smajna li kien hemm min ried inehħi l-Kurċifiss minn kull post pubbliku fl-Ewropa? Għadna nistgħu nasserixxu li l-Ewropa hija nisranija?

X'sejrin nagħmlu għal dan kollu? Jiena nissuġġerixxi t-talba tar-Rużarju bħala l-aħjar soluzzjoni, sabiex Sidtna Marija Ghajnuna tal-Insara tista' dejjem tibqa' OMM U SULTANA TAL-EWROPA.

Fr. Francis Zammit SDB

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I would like to draw the attention of our readers to a clear and strong relation which exists between the Feast of Mary Help of Christians, held on May 24th and the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, held on October 7th.

In the year 1571, the Commander of the Turks, who were threatening to invade and dechristianize the whole of Europe, was defeated on the waters of Lepanto on October 7th, and most of the Moslem fleet fell under the power of the Christians.

In order to perpetuate the memory of this great victory, Pope Pius V ordered that a new invocation, MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, be added to the litany of the Blessed Virgin. On the anniversary of the victory, the same Pope introduced the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary to be held each year on October 7th, the day Mary Help of Christians helped the Christians in Lepanto to save and preserve the Christian faith in Europe.

In 1815, Pope Pius VII, upon being freed from imprisonment, fixed the Feast of Mary Help of Christians

on May 24th. In 1861, Our Lady made known to St. John Bosco that she wished devotion to her to be spread under the title of 'Help of Christians'. To comply with her wish, Don Bosco not only built her a great Basilica in Turin and co-founded a

Religious Congregation of women, the Salesian Sisters, but he also started a lay association of devotees. He wrote and published books and articles about her, and also insisted on saying THE ROSARY, with devotion, every day as one of the best prayers to Mary Help of Christians.

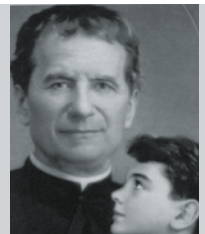
Therefore, one can now see that there is a clear link between the two titles of the Madonna, that of Mary Help of Christians and the other one of Our Lady of the Rosary, a devotion which we should not forget to practise during the months of May & October.

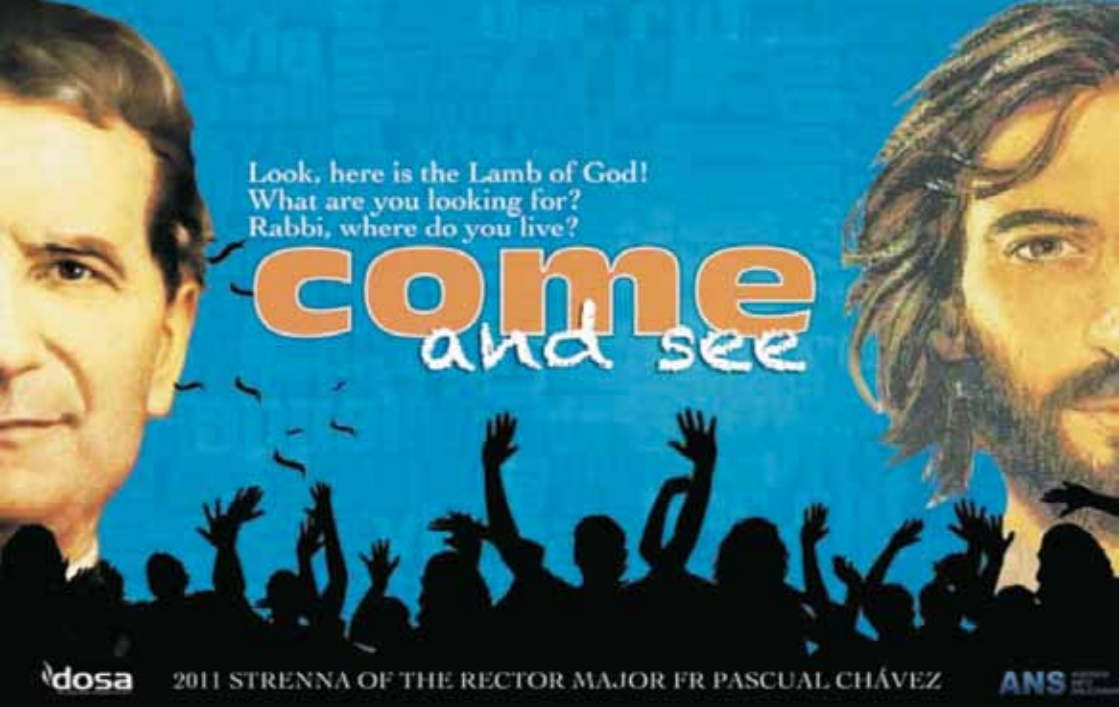
There is yet another actual relation between Europe of 1571 and Europe of 2011 to which I would like to draw the attention of our readers. Can it be said that, the dechristianizing of Europe which failed to be successful then through confrontation and fighting, is being done today through infiltration and secularization? Was it not suggested lately that even the Crucifix should disappear from Europe's public life? Can we still boast of a Christian Europe?

What are we going to do about it? May I suggest the praying of the rosary as one of the best things to do so that Our Lady, Mary Help of Christians, will always remain THE MOTHER AND QUEEN OF EUROPE.

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Look, here is the Lamb of God!
What are you looking for?
Rabbi, where do you live?

come
and see

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PEDAGOĠIJA

Kummenti fuq li Strenna 2011: **Ejjew u Taraw**

Salesjana

“IL-HAJJA HIJA VOKAZZJONI”

Għeziež ħbieb, qarreja tal-Bullettin Salesjan, hekk kif matul is-sena li għaddiet kellimtkom fuq ‘Ġesù tiegħi’, din is-sena sejjer nikteb fuq Il-ħajja bħala vokazzjoni. U bi ħsiebni niktibilkom dwar persunaġġi li bħala bnedmin u nsara għexu l-ħajja bis-siħi għaliex skoprew u għexu l-vokazzjoni tagħhom.

IL-BEATU ALBERTU MARVELLI (1918-1946)

IL-VOKAZZJONI TA’ PAST PUPIL SALESJAN

Huwa l-ewwel Past Pupil Salesjan li ġie ddikjarat Beatu. Dan huwa rikonoxximent lis-sistema edukattiva Salesjana li kapaċi tiffirma qaddisin. Alberto għex il-vokazzjoni tiegħu bħala lajk fid-dinja, mhux b’sens negattiv, imma bħallikieku kienet l-għalqa tal-Mulej, fejn hadem bi bżulija u mħabba. F’kull ċirkustanza li fiha sab ruħu, Albertu għexha ta’ qaddis, bil-kuraġġ u l-imħabba,



u bidilha f'okkażjoni ta' salvazzjoni għal kulhadd. Il-ħajja ta' Albertu Marvelli u l-inħawi fejn immatura u kiber huma l-Oratorju Salesjan ta' Rimini u l-Parroċċa ta' Marija Għajnuna tal-Insara. Is-sejha ta' Alla ġietu minn hdan il-familja u minn ħajja tassew nisranija.

L-eżempju u l-ġibda lejn Domenico Savio kienu qawwijin: Albertu kien jitlob b'attenzjoni, jgħallem il-katekiżmu b'dedikazzjoni, u juri żelu, mħabba, kalma u safa. Huwa kien jintgħażel minn sħabu tal-Oratorju minħabba dawn il-virtujiet kif ukoll għax kien jagħmel kollox b'mod spontanju u mingħajr ebda xkiel: propju bi stil Salesjan. Ta' 15-il sena intgħażel bħala Delegat tal-Aspiranti u bħala wiehed mil-leaders fl-Oratorju fejn kien jagħti sehm b'dedikazzjoni kbira u jmexxi liż-żgħażaġh fil-logħob u d-divertiment. Bniedem ġeneruż, bravu, b'memorja tajba u personalità qawwija, mmexxija minn sens profund ta' responsabbiltà u ġustizzja. Huwa kien ta'

eżempju qawwi għal sħabu u rrispettat minn kulhadd għall-kwalitajiet sbieħ tiegħu.

JIMXI WARA ĠESÙ

Ir-rebħa fuqu nnifsu ġrat bil-mod u b'diffikultà. F'dawn il-mumentu kibret ġewwa fih ix-xewqa profonda li jkun ta' Ġesù u li jimxi warajh. Hekk jikteb fid-djarju tiegħu: "Ma hemmx lok għall-għażla: wiehed ma jistax jaqdi lil Ġesù u lix-Xitan, lill-grazzja u lid-dnub. Jien irrid inkun kollni ta' Ġesù, kollni kemm jien. Jekk sa issa ma kontx għadni ċert, minn issa 'l quddiem m'hemmx aktar tlaqliq; għażilt it-triq: li nbati kollox imma li ma nidnibx aktar. Ġesù, il-mewt iva, id-dnub le; għinni nżomm dil-wegħda"

Reġa' kiteb hekk: "Li taqdi huwa aħjar milli tkun moqdi. Ġesù jaqdi!" Meta laħaq perit u beda jaħdem fil-bini tal-belt wara l-gwerra, ma kienx joqgħod lura milli jieħu ħsieb il-bżonnijiet tan-nies. Meta xi hadd rah tant impenjat u qallu sabienx

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jaghti aktar każ tal-affarijiet tal-knisja, wieġeb, "Dan ukoll huwa qadi ta' Kristu", u b'hekk wera s-siwi tal-vokazzjoni ta' lajk mehdi fix-xoghol fis-socjetà. Kien jiehu hsieb xi foqra wkoll, u kien jitlob għalihom.

Fis-sajf tal-1946, wara żmien twil ta' riffsjoni, jiddeċiedi dwar il-vokazzjoni tiegħu li għal xi żmien ma kienx jaf kinetx ser tkun bħala religjuż jew bħala saċerdot. Imm' issa ddeċieda: jibda familja u jitlob lil Marilena Aldè minn Lecco li tkun is-sieħba tiegħu. Minhabba l-hbiberija spiritwali li kien hemm bejniethom meta kienu studenti, Albertu ħaseb li jkelllem lil Marilena dwar l-intenzjoni tiegħu. Nhar is-27 ta' Awwissu kitbilha fit-tul. "...qed inħoss qalbi tħabbat u niftakar fik, wara li rajtek, sabiħa bħal dejjem, u għajnejk daqsxejn imnikkta imma mimlijin ħniena.

Hu forsi dan qawmien ta' mħabbti?...". Ma gjet ebda risposta għal din l-ittra; imma Albertu huwa mhejji anke għal dan id-diżappunt. "Inħobb lil Alla wisq biex issa nirvella jew inxerred id-dmugħ dwar ir-rieda tiegħu... lil din ir-rieda jehtiegħ li nissagrifikaw xewqatna u l-holm ta' din l-art."

Il-ħajja ta' Albertu hija sejha qawwija lil-lajċi kollha, "*sabiex tkunu xhieda tal-fidi permezz tal-virtujiet proprji tagħkom... Tongsux li turu li l-Vanġelu huwa ta' żmienna u li l-fidi ma taqtagħniex mill-istorja imma tħawwilna fiha aktar fil-fond...*" Hekk kiteb Ġwanni Pawlu II.



2011

CALENDAR OF SALESIAN

FEASTS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Fri	2	First Friday Devotions at St. Patrick's, at 6.15 p.m.
Wed	7	Salesian Cooperators - Sliema - monthly meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Sat	10	Prayer Day for Salesian Missions
Thu	22	Blessed Spanish Martyrs (killed by Communists during Spanish Civil War)
Mon	26	Start of the new Scholastic Year. Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians at St. Patrick's- 6.30 p.m.

OCTOBER

Wed	5	Blessed Alberto Marvelli (Lay member of the Salesian Family). Salesian Cooperators - Sliema - monthly meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Fri	7	First Friday Devotions at St. Patrick's, at 6.15 p.m.
Mon	10	Prayer Day for Salesian Missions
Thu	13	Blessed Alessandrina M da Costa (Salesian Cooperator)
Sun	16	Norwegian Choir will sing at 10.15 Mass in St. Patrick's, and give short concert after Mass.
Sat	22	Blessed John Paul II
Mon	24	Commemoration of Mary Help of Christians at St. Patrick's - 6.30 p.m.
Sat	29	Blessed Luigi Guanella (Hadem ma' D.Bosco u kien Salesjan għal 3 snin) Blessed Michael Rua (First Successor of Don Bosco)

NOVEMBER

Tue	1	All Saints Day
1-2		Mid-Term school holidays
Wed	2	Salesian Cooperators - Sliema - monthly meeting at 6.00 p.m.
Fri	5	First Friday Devotions at St. Patrick's, at 6.15 p.m.

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Pictures of Don Bosco set to reflective music: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e1dVsM9KAbw>

Maltese Salesian Past Pupils Of Victoria Australia

Mourning of a friend and a Past Pupil

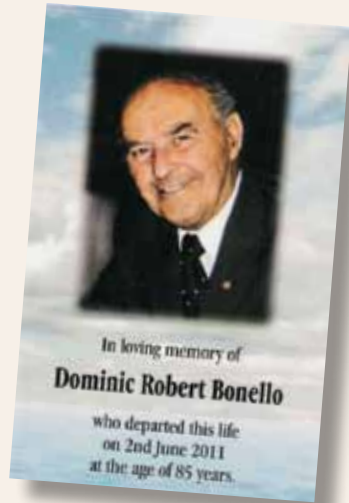
In 1932 at the age of 7, Dominic Bonello started attending the Salesian Oratory in Sliema, Malta. Most of his younger days were spent at the Oratory until he joined the army during World War 2.

In 1955 Dominic migrate to Australia, with his wife Annie and settled in Melbourne.

In 1958 the group 'Salesian Old Boys' was formed and Dominic was one of its first member.

Dominic has been an active committee member of the group, serving as a PRO, President and Vice President for 50 years, when in 2008 Dominic had to retire due to health reasons. In 1998, Dominic was made the first Life Member of the Association.

On Saturday 28th May 2011, although not well in health and feeling very tired, Dominic was present for the 52nd Annual Charity Ball and some of his last words to me were, "This is my last time, Joe." And so it was.



Dominic is certainly with God enjoying eternal rest, but he will always be present with us, Past Pupils, in many memories of good times spent in his company. - Appreciation by Joe Sacco.



Hajja Salesjana

Fr Bertagnolli on the Queens Birthday Honours list

On Monday 13 June, the Australian Government released the traditional Queens Birthday Honours list for 2011 with the names of those honoured for their distinguished services to the community. Among those awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was Fr Ferruccio Bertagnolli SDB, currently the Rector of the Salesian community in Hobart, Tasmania. Fr Bertagnolli, known as Frank in his community, received this honour for his "services to youth and to the Order of the Salesians of Don Bosco".



Chines parishioners in St. Patrick's

A miraculous encounter with Don Bosco in Malta

Anthony Lui - Hong Kong

It dated back to last December that my wife and I chose Malta as our honeymoon destination. We would admit that the scenery, the history, the buses and the people besides the strong presence of the Catholic Church, attracted my wife and me to this tiny dot on the map, thousands of miles from another tiny dot where we lived.

Although we noticed that English was widely spoken in this country as we started to plan our journey, it was not until a couple of weeks before the trip that we realised the small number of English masses in this archipelago. As we browsed through the list downloaded from Maltese Church website, we could not make up our mind which church we should go to on Sunday mornings because of the different timings of masses at different locations. We left this with God and decided to go wherever we could.

We tried to read the list more carefully in the hotel on Saturday evening and discovered that St Patrick's church suited our time most. The name of the street where it situated told us that it must be operated by the Salesian Fathers.

As we approached the church long before the mass time, we strolled through the nearby streets and lanes. The statues, the names of oratory, schools, clubs, residences and theatre surrounding the church gave me an impression that a small Salesian district had been built here.

As we arrived at the church, the chaplain greeted us and asked where we came from. He was surprised that a Hong Kong couple turned up in a church in such an inconspicuous location in Sliema. He was more surprised that we had heard of the Salesian Fathers. He was delighted to know that I am a Salesian Co-operator.

We were equally surprised that the priest introduced us to meet other Chinese in the church and learnt that quite a few Chinese lived in a country which we Chinese had barely heard of. With the participation of believers from different parts of the world, the atmosphere of the mass was a complete contrast from facing the expressionless congregation of the elderly we read scriptures of every Sunday. As a Salesian Co-operator, I felt I fulfilled a tiny bit of my duty as I delivered the offerings of bread and wine to the altar.

Divorce Referendum was a very hot topic

in this Catholic country during our visit. Pros and cons flooded the contents of newspapers, television and even billboards. Although 98% of the population is said to be Catholic, we felt sorry to see that not as many people stand firm on the Church's doctrine. However, this had reminded us to treasure our divine responsibility of marriage.

Amongst other beautiful memories, churches and statues around the country, the experience in the mass had reminded us to always give God the highest priority.



Anthony Lui and Fr. Joe



Don Bosco Around the World

In preparation for the celebration of the Bi-Centenary of the birth of St. John Bosco (16th August 1815), the relics of the saint are going around the Salesian world. The urn contains a life-size statue of the saint, a copy of the one in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in Turin, with some bones of the saint in it. In 2014 it will visit Malta.



China - Hong Kong - On the occasion of the visit of Don Bosco's casket, on Sunday 27 March - 1st

April, the presence of the relics was the occasion to recall the real value of devotion to the saints and relics, and the importance of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

On the evening of 30 March the confreres renewed their vows and re-offered themselves to Mary Help of Christians in a night prayer meeting. On Thursday 31 March, the casket was taken to the Cathedral of Hong Kong. There the Salesian Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun, presided at a concelebrated Mass. On 1 April, Don Bosco's casket was taken on board a boat for Macao.



China - Macao. The arrival of Don Bosco's relic in Macao was a momentous occasion for the Salesian communities there. The 2nd April was Salesian Youth day in Macao and this gave thousands of young people a chance to encounter the Saint, pray and play. The climax of the Macao visit was the procession with the Relic to the Macao Cathedral and the subsequent solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Lai and con-celebrated by Salesians and diocesan priests.

(India - Manipur) On 2 May the reliquary of Don Bosco reached the villages of Puni Pfosemai, Pangomoul and Senapati. Hundreds of people gave homage to the founder of the Salesians. In Pangmoul Don Bosco received the veneration and prayers of the Kuki tribe. In Senapati, enlivened by the St John Bosco parish choir, a total of about 5000 people prayed in front of the casket. The following day it was the turn of Don Bosco College Maram, the only Salesian College in Manipur, to welcome the reliquary. A thousand more students and local members of the Salesian Family met the casket 5 km from the campus and accompanied it in procession, carrying banners and wearing traditional costumes, singing hymns and involving the local people in the welcome ceremony. On Wednesday 4 May the casket paused in the village of Mao Gate greeted with a firework display and cries of 'Viva Don Bosco' from the 8000 present. On the morning of Thursday 5 May, the reliquary was brought to Kohima Cathedral for a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving.

Il-Beata Alessandrina Marija da Costa

30 ta' Marzu 1904 – 13 ta' Ottubru 1955

MIRAKLU HAJ TAL-EWKARISTIJA

It-13 ta' Ottubru ħafna nies jafuh bħala l-anniversarju tad-dehra tal-Madonna u tal-miraklu tax-xemx ġewwa Fatima, imma jaĥbat ukoll l-anniversarju tal-mewt tal-mistika u ruh vittma Portugiża, il-Beata Alessandrina Maria da Costa, li ħajjitha kienet marbuta mil-qrib mal-ġrajjet ta' Fatima. Fl-2004, il-Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II ddiġara beata lil Alessandrina u ordna li l-festa tagħha ssir f'din id-data - jiġifieri fit-13 ta' Ottubru.

Kliem tal-Mulej Ġesù: **"Imberkin l-erwieh li għad isejju lil ismek meta inti tkun il-Ġenna."** (mid-Djarju tal-Beata Alessandrina).

Alessandrina twieldet fit-30 ta' Marzu 1904 f'Balasar, raĥal ċkejken fil-kampanja xi 40 mil in-naħa ta' fuq minn Porto. Meta kellha 14-il sena, attentat fuq il-virtù tagħha kellu jħalli warajh konsegwenzi tremendi. Fl-1918 filwaqt li Alessandrina, oħtha Deolinda u ħabiba tagħhom kienu jinsabu d-dar, tlett irġiel fis-sakra dahlu fuqhom biex jistuprawhom. Biex teħles minn dan l-attakk, Alessandrina qabżet minn tieqa u waqqghet 12- il pied fuq art iebsa. Riżultat ta' dan kien li x-xewka ta' daharha ġarrbet ħsara irriversibbli. Il-kundizzjoni tagħha bdiet sejra għall-agħar u fl-24 ta' April 1924, fl-ghomor ta' għoxrin sena nxeħtet f'qiegh ta' sodda.

Alessandrina bdiet tifhem li t-tbatija kellha tkun il-vokazzjoni tagħha. Fl-1931, hija daħlet f'estasi u semgħet lill-Mulej Ġesù jikkonfermalha l-vokazzjoni tagħha bħala ruh vittma, meta talabha: "Thobb, tbatu u tagħmel riparazzjoni." Hija tat il-kunsens tagħha u talbet lill-Mulej Ġesù

jagħtiha l-grazzja li kienet teħtieġ biex taqdi l-missjoni tagħha ta' tbatija għall-umanità.

Din kienet l-ewwel waħda minn ħafna drabi li fihom daħlet f'estasi.

Madwar l-1935 Alessandrina bdiet tircievi messaġġi mingħand il-Mulej Ġesù li wissieha li t-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija kienet sa sseħħ bħala kastig għad-dnubiet tal-umanità, u setgħet tkun evitata biss permezz tal-konsagrazzjoni tad-dinja lill-Qalb bla tebgħa ta' Marija. Ġesù heġġeġ lill-Alessandrina, permezz tad-direttur spiritwali tagħha, biex titlob lill-Qodusija tiegħu l-Papa jagħmel din il-konsagrazzjoni, u hi kellha titlob u toffri t-tbatijiet tagħha biex dan iseħħ. Minn dak iż-żmien 'il quddiem, hija offriet kollox għal din l-intenzjoni.

Alessandra qalet **iva** għat-talba ta' Ġesù li kull nhar ta' Ġimgħa hija tgħix b'mod mistiku l-Passjoni ta' Kristu biex isseħħ il-konsagrazzjoni tad-dinja lill-Qalb bla tebgħa ta' Marija. Fit-3 ta' Ottubru 1938, bdew l-estasi tal-Passjoni, u dawk kollha li kienu preżenti fil-kamra tagħha baqqghu mistagħġbin b'dak li ġara. Din il-mara, li kienet ilha fis-sodda kompletament ipparalizzata għal iktar minn 14-il sena, f'daqqa waħda qamet u setgħet iddur mal-kamra. Kull nhar ta' Ġimgħa sal-1942, waqt dawn l-estasi, Alessandrina sofriet kollox mill-Agunija sal-Kruċifissjoni. Ġesù qalilha li l-Papa kien iddecieda li jikkonsagra d-dinja lill-Qalb bla tebgħa ta' Marija. Il-Papa Piju XII għamel il-Konsagrazzjoni fil-31 ta' Ottubru 1942, ħaġa li naqqset minn kemm kellha ddum it-Tieni Gwerra Dinjija. Għalkemm Alessandrina ferħet fuq li ferħet li l-konsagrazzjoni kienet saret, il-missjoni

tagħha tat-tbatija kienet għada ma waslitx fit-tmiem. Fil-fatt kellha tidhol f'fażi ġdida u aktar tal-għaġeb - sawma ta' tlettax-il sena li matulha kellha tgħix b'mod mirakuluż bl-Ewkaristija biss.

Is-sawma shiħa ta' Alessandrina kkonfermawha t-tobba fl-isptar. Tabib qal f'rapport uffiċjali li, "*Hija haġa assolutamente ċerta li waqt 40 ġurnata f'qiegħ ta' sodda fl-isptar, il-marida la kiolet u lanqas xorbot...u ahna nemmu li dan il-fenomeni seta' wkoll seħħ fix-xhur li għaddew, forsi matul dawn l-aħħar tlettax-il xahar...u ma nistgħux nifhmu kif dan seta' jiġri.*"

Filwaqt li dan il-fenomeni hadd aktar ma seta' jispjegah, Alessandrina kienet taf minn fejn kien ġej, bħalma l-Mulej Ġesù kien qalilha: "***Inti qiegħda tgħix bl-Ewkaristija biss għax jienerrid nagħti prova tal-qawwa tal-Ewkaristija u tal-qawwa tal-ħajja tiegħi fl-erwieħ.***"

Wara snin ta' tbatija kbira fit-13 ta' Ottubru 1955, wara li kellha dehra tal-Qalb bla tebgħa ta' Marija, li qaltilha li hi kienet se tehodha l-ġenna, Alessandrina tqarbnat għall-aħħar darba, u wasslet l-aħħar messaġġ imqanqal tagħha lill-umanità kollha, u qalet. "*Tidinbux, il-pjaċiri ta' din il-ħajja ma jiswew xejn. Tqarbnu. Ghidu r-Rużarju kuljum. Dan jiġbor fih kolloxx.*"

Hija mietet fit-8.29 ta' fil-għaxija.

Mudell ta' safa u perseveranza fil-fidi, speċjalment għaž-żgħažagħ; adoratriċi mhegġa ta' Ġesù fis-Sagrament imqaddes; ispirazzjoni u għinuna għal dawk li qegħdin ibatu b'xi mod; messaġġiera fidila ta' Fatima. Kienet Kooperatriċi Salesjana. Il-Beata Alessandrina hija dawn l-affarijiet kollha, u ħafna iżjed. Ħafna nies diġà bbenefikaw mill-grazzji li kisbu permezz tat-tbatijiet u t-talb tagħha, u bla ebdha dubju ħafna aktar għad jibbenefikaw fil-futur. Inhegġukom titolbu biex hija ma ddumx ma tiġi kkanonizzata.



TALBA

O Trinità Qaddisa, jiena nadurak u niringrazzjak għalix tajtna l-eżempju tal-Beata Alessandrina, xrara l-iżjed safja ta' mħabbtek.

Nitolbok tgħinni nimitaha fl-imħabba thegġeġ tagħha għall-Ewkaristija, fl-imħabba devota ta' bint lejn Ommha Marija, fl-ispirtu tagħha ta' talb profund, fit-telqa għamja tagħha għar-rieda tiegħek. B'hekk inkun nista' nkattar fija x-xenqa qawwija li ningħata f'idejk u għal hutli.

O Trinità Qaddisa, nitolbok li bil-interċessjoni qawwija tal-Beata Alessandrina naqla' l-grazzji li b'qalb herqana tant nixtieq (semmi l-grazzji li għandek bżonn).

*Missierna, Sliema u Glorja.
Beata Alessandrina, ħarisna
u itlob għalina.*

Il-Beatu Ġwanni Pawlu II

J.Cini sdb

Nhar is-Sibt 22 ta' Ottubru, u kull 22 ta' dax-xahar, minn dis-sena 'l quddiem, l-Insara jkunu jistgħu jiċċelebraw il-festa tal-Beatu Ġwanni Pawlu II. J'Alla ma ndumux ma nkunu nistgħu insejhulu qaddis : San Ġwanni Pawlu II !

Baħar ta' nies ħonoq *Piazza San Pietro* f'Ruma u miljuni ta' nies oħra segwew fuq it-TV tlett dati storici fil-hajja tal-Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II. Dawn kienu il-jum ta' mewtu nhar it-2 ta' April 2005, il-jum tal-funeral tiegħu ffit jiem wara u nhar il-Hadd 1 ta' Mejju 2011 fl-okkażjoni tal-beatifikazzjoni ta' dan il-maħbub Papa. Hafna minnkom li qegħdin taqraw dan l-artiklu tiftakruhom sew dawn it-tlett okkażjonijiet. Iżda forsi li tiftakru l-iżjed hija dik l-aktar riċenti tal-1 ta' Mejju, meta Benedittu XVI iddikjara lil Ġwanni Pawlu II, beatu.

Kien l-istess Papa Benedittu li nhar it-28 ta' April 2005, meta huwa ġie elett Papa ffit granet wara l-mewt ta' Ġwanni Pawlu, li ta bidu għall-proċess ta' beatifikazzjoni tal-Papa ta' qablu.

Eluf ta' nies jiftakru lil dan il-persunaġġ għaliex kienu rawh ħaj, jew meta żaru Ruma u l-Vatikan huma stess jew meta Ġwanni Pawlu

Il kien ġie hu stess f'pajjiżhom. Dan il-Papa, infatti, kien għadda ħafna jiem barra mill-Vatikan sabiex seta' jżur knejjes, santwarji, komunitajiet insara u pajjiżi fl-Italja u madwar id-dinja. Infatti l-istatistiċi juruna li dan il-Papa wettaq 146 vjaġġ fl-Italja u 104 barra f'pajjiżi oħra, kollha bi skop li jxandar lil Kristu. Hekk huwa żar 259 lokalità fl-Italja u 131 f'pajjiżi oħra. Dan juri li huwa għadda 822 jum barra mill-Vatikan, u dan barra l-jiem tas-sajf li kien jgħaddi f'Castel Gandolfo u, wara l-attentat fuq ħajtu nhar it-13 ta' Mejju 1981, 164 jum ieħor fl-isptar 'Gemelli' għal-diversi drabi.

Karatteristika mill-isbah ta' dan il-Papa kienet l-imġiba tiegħu maż-zgħażaġħ li tant kien iħobb. Permezz ta' din l-attitudni huwa neħħielhom l-idea li l-Knisja kienet saret xi ħaġa għax-xjuħ u antikwata. Il-gost tiegħu kien li jkun fosthom, jiddjaloga magħhom u jimlihom b-entuzjażmu lejn Kristu u Ommna Marija. Kienet tiegħu l-idea li jwaqqaf 'Il-

Ġurnata Mondjali taż-Żgħażaġh'.

L-ewwel darba li din seħħet kien Hadd il-Palm, il-31 ta' Marzu 1985 u li għaliya attendew madwar 350,000 żgħażaġh. Minn dak inhar din baqqgħet issir u dejjem tikber. Hafna minn dawn iż-żgħażaġh kienu preżenti fi Pjazza San Pietru kemm waqt l-agonija tiegħu, għall-funeral tiegħu, imbagħad għall-beatifikazzjoni tiegħu.

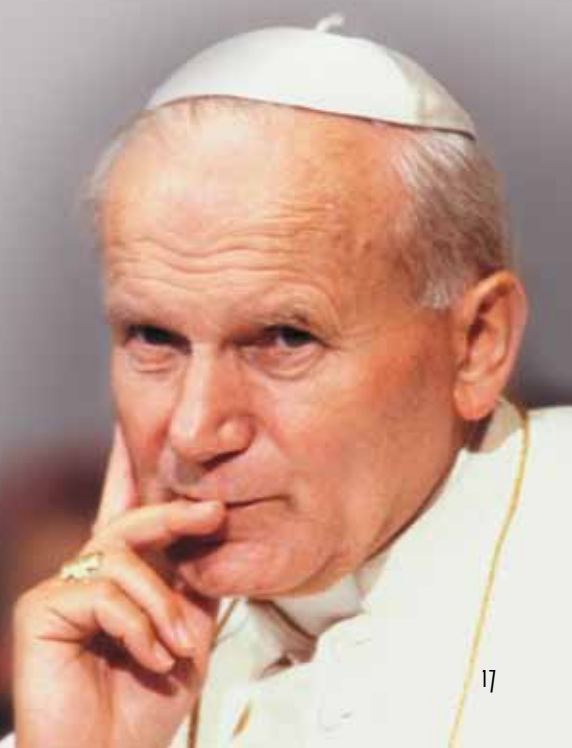
Għal-hafna u hafna nies dan il-Papa huwa qaddis diġà. Fl-istess jum tal-funeral tiegħu, deheru kartelluni bil-kliem <**Santo Subito**>: **irriduh qaddis issa!** Iva, qaddis ma' hafna qaddisin u beati li huwa stess kien tella' fuq l-altari. Infatti, sabiex jista' joffri mudelli ta' qdusija minn kull tip ta' nies, matul ir-renju tiegħu ta' Papa, huwa ddikkjara 483 qaddis u qaddisa u bbeatifika 1345 ruħ oħra. Hekk huwa wera li hu possibli li n-nisrani jgħix ħajja tajba u jilħaq il-qdusija, fi kwalunkwe pożizzjoni tal-ħajja huwa jinsab.

X'taġlim hallielna dan il-Papa? X'kienu l-messaġġi tiegħu? Liema kliem minn tiegħu ser nibqgħu niftakru? Ĉertament id-dinja kattolika kollha għad għandha jidwu f'widnejha l-kliem li beda l-pontifikat tiegħu bihom u li huwa baqa' dejjem ifakkar : **La tibżgħux. Ifthu berah il-bibien lil Kristu !** Dawn il-kliem, nistgħu ngħidu li kienu l-programm tal-missjoni tiegħu bħala Papa. Imma mbagħad, sabiex tgħinu u tnettqu f'din il-missjoni, u sabiex tagħtih kuraġġ jgħid il-

verità kull fejn hu mar iżur, afda ruħu f'idejn Marija Santissima permezz tal-motto li huwa kien għażel : **Totus tuus : jiena kollni kemm jien tiegħek, o Marija !**

B'dawn iż-żewġ standardi jmexxuh u jħarsuh, huwa kellem hafna drabi lil diversi kategoriji ta' nies, xandar is-sewwa tal-Vanġelu b'isna ta' hafna ġnus u f'okkażjonijiet ta' kull kwalità. Kellem lill-isqfijiet u s-sacerdoti, lill-gvernanti u nies ta' awtorità, u lin-nies tax-xogħol u tad-dar, liż-żgħażaġh u tfal.

U lilna wkoll, permezz ta' dawn il-kliem profetiċi tiegħu, qiegħed jgħidilna sabiex ma nibżgħux inhallu lil Kristu jidhol f'ħajjitna, fi djarna, fil-familja tagħna, imqawwijin mill-protezzjoni ta' Ommna Marija.





Something
to think about...

Do Good...

- Confucianism** Do not do to others what you would not like done to yourself. Then there will be no resentment against you, either in the family or in the state. (Analects)
- Buddhism** Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. (Udana-Varga)
- Christianity** All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you so to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Gospel of Matthew)
- Hinduism** This is the sum of duty; do naught onto others what you would not have them do unto you. (Mahabharata)
- Islam** No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself. (Sunnah)
- Judaism** What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellowman. This is the entire Law; all the rest is commentary. (Talmud)
- Taoism** Regard your neighbour's gain as your gain, and your neighbour's loss as your own loss. (Tai Shang Kan Yin P'ien)
- Zoroastrianism** That nature alone is good which refrains from doing to another whatsoever is not good for itself. (Dadisten-I-dinik)

Malta Salesjana



AUGURI LIS-SAĊERDOTI ĠODDA.

Nhar il-Hadd 3 ta' Lulju kien jum li ċertament jibqa' mfakkar fid-Delegazzjoni Salesjana Maltija bħala jum ieħor ta' ferħ kbir. Alla l-Imbierek żejjinna b'żewġ ministri tiegħu ġodda fis-Saċerdoti Gerald Mangion u Jeremy Vella. Huma ġew ordnati fil-Konkattedral ta' San Ġwann fil-Belt Valletta mill-Arcisqof tagħna Mons. Pawlu Cremona OP. Il-Familja Salesjana kollha tifraħ b'dan id-don li Alla għoġbu jagħtina u minn qalbna lit-tnejn nixtqulhom ħajja ta' qdusija, perseveranza u servizz. AD MULTOS ANNOS ET AD MULTAS CORONAS.

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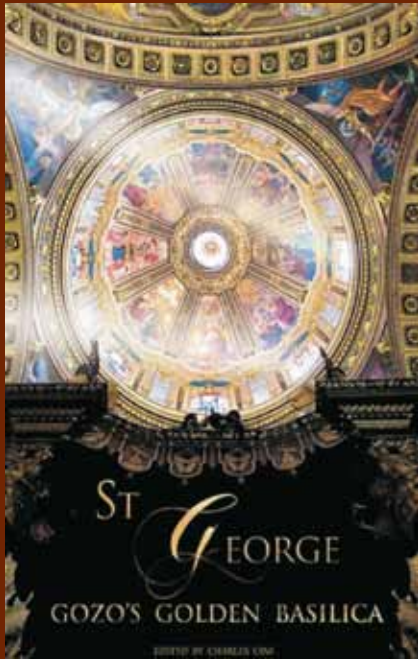
Kien il-Hadd, 5 ta' Ġunju li għadda meta ntlagħbet dil-partita fil-bitha tal-Oratorju tas-Salesjani f'Tas-Sliema. Din kienet it-tielet darba li din il-partita ġiet organizzata għall-'Old Boys' tas-sena 1993. Ma' kull loġħba li tintlagħab in-numru ta' dawn l-'Old Boys' jiżdied bi rġiel oħra li jsibu li kienu jiġu s-Salesjani f'dawk is-snin. Saħansitra ħa sehem Mr. Charles Saliba li kien hawn Malta mill-Ingilterra! Nittamaw li ma ndumux ma naraw il-grupp kollu ta' dik is-sena. Jekk inti wieħed minnhom u taf lil xi hadd li kien hemm f'dik is-sena, infurmah!



SPYS: BEJGH TA' KEJKIJET

Is-Salesian Youth Pastoral Service (SPYS) if-forma grupp żgħir minnu stess, u dawn iż-żgħażaġh, matul ix-xahar ta' Lulju, organizzaw is-'Summer Camp' ta' ġimghatejn fid-Dar Salesjana tal-Isla (Youths Engage in Senglea = YES). Sabiex itellgħu fondi għal dan il-'Camp' huma kellhom bejgħ ta' kejkijiet fis-sala ta' quddiem il-knisja ġewwa St. Patrick, Sliema. Kien hemm minn kull kwalità ta' kejkijiet li ħmew l-istess żgħażaġh sabiex ibiġghom. Il-bejgħ kien suċċess u l-flus li nġabru fiż-żgur jgħinu mhux f'tit sabiex is-'Summer Camp' ukoll kien suċċess kbir.



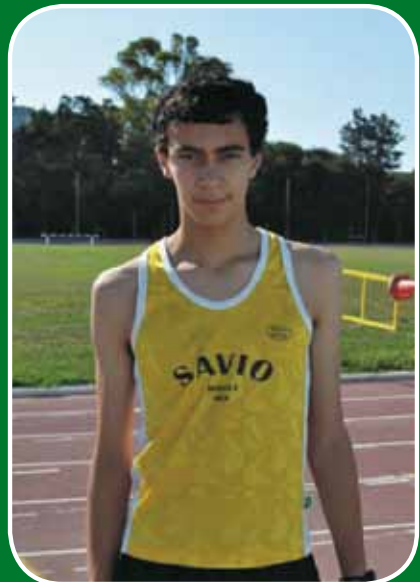


KTIEB MILL-ISBAH

Nhar il-Festa ta' San Ġorġ ġewwa Victoria, Għawdex, fit-tielet Hadd ta' Lulju, ġie ippublikat il-ktieb sabiħ "St. George - Gozo's Golden Basilica". Kienet il-ħolma ta' Fr Charles Cini SDB li jipproduċi ktieb ta' din ix-xorta. Għalhekk, malli l-Arcipriet ta' San Ġorġ aċċetta din l-idea, huwa beda mill-ewwel ix-xogħol fuq dal-ktieb. Il-fotografu Għawdxi Daniel Cilia, magħżul sabiex jiehwa ħsieb il-fotografija, dam tnax il-xahar isegwi l-attivitatiet u ċerimonji tal-Parroċċa. Dan il-ktieb juri biċ-ċar il-ġid u l-kobor li jista' jinkiseb, anke ġewwa Parroċċa żgħira fi gżira żgħira, meta l-parruċċani jiddedikaw ruħhom. Il-ktieb, b'qoxra iebsa, b'xi 320 ritratt bil-kulur u stampat l-Italja qiegħed jimbiegh għal €50 mill-Bażilka ta' San Ġorġ.

ATLETA EĊĊEZJONALI

Iż-żagħżuġ ta' 14-il sena Kurt Dalli, student ta' Savio College, għalaq staġun tal-atletika eċċezjonali fejn huwa rebaħ it-tigrijiet kollha middle distance ta' dan l-istaġun: 18-il waħda! Dawn it-tigrijiet ikunu ta' bejn 800 metru u 3 kilometri tul. L-istaġun beda f'Ottubru 2010 b'dik imsejha Endurance League ta' kważi 3 km. Kurt rebaħ il-5 tigrijiet bħal li kieku xejn! F'Diċembru saru l-Inter School Cross Country Championships (Marsa) u kontra 61 atleta ieħor, Kurt reġa' rebaħ. Wara dan bdew it-tigrijiet fuq it-track u Kurt, bejn Diċembru u Mejju rebaħ 11 il-tigrija ta' distanzi varji. F'gimgha waħda, f'Mejju li għadda, rebaħ 5 medalji tad-deheb! Nifirhu mill-qalb lil dan l-atleta żagħżuġ u lil min jorganizza l-atletika f'Savio College, Fr Francis Clifton SDB.





Saint 4 Mary Mazzarello

This is the story of a “woman with a backbone,” as Pope Pius XI called her. The story of a soul who passed through a life of hunger, toil and contradiction. The story of a leader, a foundress, a saint.

MOTHER'S HUMILITY

Mother Mazzarello was not one to put on airs. No, her humility was real. Studiously she attended class with the other Sisters and learned how to read and write. This was no small task for a woman of thirty-five and she made silly blunders, but she would laugh them off with the other Sisters and persistently try again. Her lifelong friend, Sister Petronilla, one day asked her, “Mother, don’t you think our community is becoming too important? Look at all the intelligent young ladies who are entering!”

“Hush,” whispered Mother Mazzarello. “Not so loud! You and I are just plain oxen. Let’s be thankful that they don’t throw us out!”

In 1936, Pope Pius XI proclaiming the heroic nature of Mother Mazzarello’s virtues aptly summarized her remarkable life thus: “Here is a woman of simplicity, extreme simplicity – a simplicity as pure as that of the simple elements, as simple and unmixed as gold without alloy.”

EVENING STAR

Mother Mazzarello, leaning heavily on the arms

of two Sisters, stumbled into the convent of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians at Nice-on-the-Sea. Smiling to all the good nuns, she tried to brush away their fears with gentle reassurances, but her face was taut with pain and haggard with long days of illness. Her companions rushed her to a room and set her into an armchair.

“Thank you,” she said gratefully, attempting a light laugh and failing miserably. “I’m feeling so much better already. Now, Sisters, why those tears? Is that the way to greet your Mother after such a long absence? You must not grieve so. I feel my strength returning already. Now go about your work again, and let me rest a moment.” The Sisters reluctantly obeyed, leaving her with an attendant.

In the hall, the companions of Mother Mazzarello were the focus of all attention. How was the Mother? Was she improving any? She looked so poorly! The information was far from pleasant.

Mother Mazzarello had left Mornese some two months before to accompany a group of Sisters who were to go to the Missions of South America. From Genoa she decided to take a ship with a

part of the Missionary contingent, to stop off at Marseilles, and from there to visit the houses of the Sisters in France. Throughout the journey, she suffered from persistent seasickness, but, true to her native stubbornness, she hid her pain behind a smile and a thousand little attentions on her companions. At Marseilles, their ship broke down in sight of the harbour and had to be towed into drydock for repairs.

Late at night the little group of tired Sisters ventured into the unlit waterfront streets of Marseilles in search of an address where they had been told lodgings had been prepared for them. But due to a careless blunder, no beds had been made up for the nuns. Noticing her host's utter confusion Mother Mazzarello speedily assured him they could care for themselves.

"We have clean bedclothes with us. If you can give us some straw, we will shift for ourselves quite easily."

And so plying her needle, Mother Mazzarello set the example by sewing up an armful of straw in a sheet, setting the bed on the floor, and lying fully clothed upon it. Her companions good-naturedly imitated her. The next morning, Mother Mazzarello was unable to rise. A high fever kept her on her straw pallet. Her Sisters clustered about her. But the next morning she staggered to her feet and escorted the Missionaries to their ship, bidding them a tender farewell. Once she arrived at St.Cyr, she was put to bed. But the unrelenting fever developed into pleurisy, followed by complications of the respiratory organs.

For forty days the saintly Mother was confined to her bed, running high temperatures, spending interminable hours in burning heat and acute pain. Yet, throughout it all, she always remained the centre of joy in the house, chatting amiably with the Sisters, and endeavouring to make herself as little bother as possible, never realizing that the Sisters treasured every moment they could shower their solicitude on her.

As soon as she felt her strength returning, she decided to return to Italy, so as to die, she said, in her own community. The Sisters had been reassured by Don Bosco, who had been to see her, that she would not suffer by it. Mother had decided to make the journey in short stages. With two companions she would remain at Nice-on-the-Sea for a few days and then proceed to cross the Italian border.

While the Sisters outside hustled about their task, their frail patient remained in her room, trying to recover her strength. By good fortune, Don Bosco had just arrived a few hours before her. Knowing of her presence, he went to call on her. In that little room the two Saints faced each other for the last time. St. John Bosco, sixty years old, looking tired and a little stooped at the shoulders, smiled upon the drawn features of this forty-two-year-old woman who had been God's chosen instrument to fulfill a great part of his apostolate for youth. Their names, he knew, would forever be linked together.

"Father," asked Mother Mazzarello, "will I ever recover?"

After a moment's pause, the priest ran his fingers through his bushy hair.

"Mother," he said diplomatically, "I want to tell you a story. Once Death decided to pay a call to a convent, 'Come with me Sister,' he said to the portress as she opened the door. 'Oh, but I cannot,' the Sister responded. 'There is no one to take my place, and the convent must have a portress.' Death crossed the threshold and stalked through the convent halls. His order was the same for everyone he met: 'Come with me!' The response was invariably 'I cannot! I have so much work to do!' Finally Death knocked at the door of the Superior's room. 'Come with me,' he announced. 'I cannot!' was the startled reply. But Death would take no excuse. 'If no one else will come, you must!' he ordered, and taking her by the hand, he took her through the convent halls into the dark night."

(to continue...)

The yellow kite

By Beverly Newman, Santa Rosa, California

My son was my one reason for not giving up on life - and his small prayer changed it.

I stood at the window and watched the neighbourhood children flying their kites on the hill behind our house. Next to me, my four-year-old son, Michael, pressed his face against the glass. Ever since he had first seen them on the hill, he had been asking if he could have a kite like the other children, and I always gave him the same answer: "Wait until you are a little older."

Michael hid his face in my skirt, something he always did when he was going to cry.

I felt like crying myself. I had lost three children through miscarriages, and the complications that followed caused me to be constantly under a doctor's care.

Because of my health I simply didn't have the strength or energy to fly a kite with Michael. My husband worked long, irregular hours, and even so we kept going deeper in debt. As a result, a tension had grown between us. It all looked so hopeless; God seemed to have forgotten us.

Michael was the one spark of life left for me. As I tucked him into bed that evening, he said, "Mommy, may I pray to God to send me a yellow

kite? Maybe he doesn't think I'm too young."

"Yes," I said. "We will leave it up to him." Maybe that would make Michael stop talking about it. He fell asleep with a smile on his face.

The next morning I raised the shade in the kitchen, and stared at the sight that met my eyes: - a string hanging down in front of the window. I ran out the back door and into the yard. Caught on the roof, with its string hanging down, was a kite. A yellow one!

Michael clapped his hands and jumped up and down. "Mommy, I knew God would answer my prayer!"

I didn't believe! I realized I had lost my faith. Maybe that was why I had been so depressed.

We asked all over the neighbourhood but we never found the kite's former owner. In the years that followed we moved several times, but at each new place I would hang the kite in some corner where I could see it.

My depression lifted, and as my health improved, so did my relationship with my husband. All I needed was a reminder that no matter how bad things may seem, God hears our prayers. Big or small.



Salesjani fl-Afrika

Ulied il-Fqar ta' Addis Abeba

Fix-xahar ta' Ġunju, meghjuna mill-Unjoni Afrikana, il-pajjiżi ta' dan il-kontinent iċcelebraw 'Jum it-Tfal Afrikani'. Is-Salesjani, li ilhom aktar minn 100 sena f'dan il-kontinent, kienu bdew u għadhom imexxu diversi proġetti b'risq iż-żgħar u ż-żgħażaġh l-aktar batuti fost il-popolazzjoni. Din l-esperjenza qiegħda tiġi mwettqa anke f'Addis Abeba.

Is-Salesjani ilhom jaħdmu fl-Etiopja sa mill-1975 u dejjem ippreferew lit-tfal u dawk iż-żgħażaġh l-aktar imwegġa' mis-soċjetà. L-opri Salesjani aktarx li jipprovdu edukazzjoni primarja u sekondarja; imma huma nvoluti wkoll fi proġetti għall-iżvilupp sħiħ tal-persuna bħalma huma l-ilma għax-xorb, provvisti tal-ikel, medicina preventiva, għajjnuna b'urġenza u biedja.

Fil-kapitali tal-pajjiż, Addis Abeba, sa mill-1998, il-Brother Salesjan Donato Galletta, organizza proġett hekk imsejjaħ: *Donato's Children of the Beggars*. Dan il-proġett jircievi għajjnuna finanzjarja mill-Uffiċju Missjunarju Salesjan fi New Rochelle, New York, USA, minn Aġenzija Umanitarja Amerikana, il-*United States Agency for International Development (USAID)* kif ukoll permezz tal-programm internazzjonali *CARING Orphans and Vulnerable Children*.

Dan il-proġett ta' Bro. Donato imsejjaħ *Donato's Children of the Beggars* ma hemmx ieħor bħalu

u huwa wkoll mudel għal kull min jaħdem fir-rijabilitazzjoni tat-tfal fil-periklu fit-toroq tal-belt. Fl-ewwel post jiġu dawk li jgħixu mal-ġenituri tagħhom imma jgħaddu l-ġurnata jittalbu fit-triqat. Dawn it-tfal veru jgħixu f'kundizzjonijiet mill-agħar u l-ġenituri tagħhom, jew dawk li jieħdu hsiebhom, ma jistgħux jibaghtuhom l-iskola u lanqas jitimghuhom kuljum. Is-*Social Workers* li jaħdmu ma' Bro. Donato imorru fil-belt u personalment ikellmu lill-ġenituri jew min jieħu hsieb dawn it-tfal tallaba. Huma jikkonvincuhom jibaghtu lit-tfal fid-*Don Bosco Youth Centre* ta' Makanissa, fi Addis Abeba. Meta t-tfal jibdwu imorru hemm, huma jiġu mitmugħa u mogħtija xi ikel għal matul il-jum. Imbagħad jiġu mħajra jibdwu l-iskola jew ifittxu għajjnuna f'dak li hu meħtieġ biex isolvu xi ftit il-problemi tagħhom.

Fil-preżent hemm 513-il tifel u tifla miktuba fil-'Programm ta' Bro. Donato għat-Tfal tat-Tallaba' li qegħdin jiġu mħarrġa sabieħ ikunu jistgħu jibdwu l-iskola regolari. Dan il-programm jipprovdi wkoll għall-bżonnijiet ta' dawk il-fuq minn 15-il sena sabieħ jittgħallmu sengħa u jibdwu xogħol onest fejn jistgħu jaqilgħu paga xierqa. Waqt li jużaw is-sistema edukattiv ta' Dun Bosco, s-Salesjani jgħallmu lit-tfal kif jiffaċċjaw il-ħajja u jrabbu fihom valuri umani waqt li qegħdin jikbru.



Marija magenbi

Kif il-Madonna tghinni fit-taqbida tal-ħajja tiegħi ta' kuljum

Kollox jibda meta jkollna dik is-sensazzjoni li nirrealizzaw li għamilna xi ħaġa li ma kellniex nagħmluha u mbagħad jkollna niffaccjaw il-konsegwenzi. Bħalma tħossok meta jwaqqfek pulizija jew meta f'daqqa waħda tirrealizza li soqf meta d-dawl kien aħmar u 'speed camera' li ma kenitx hemm qabel għadha kif ħaditlek ritratt u qabditek fil-fatt.

Dak li ġrali għodwa waħda meta ndunajt li ma kellix fuqi l-ID għall-Pentagon. Kienet fil-kartiera, li kont ħallejt warajja d-dar. Bdejt naħseb bejni u bejn ruħi "Hekk mhux sewwa. Sejjer inqaddes fost il-ġimgħa għall-irġiel u n-nisa tal-militar tal-Amerika, u m'għandix fuqi l-unika ħaġa li għandi bżonn biex nidhol fil-bini tal-uffiċċini militari - il-karta tal-identità. Għax ukoll jekk tkun liebes ta' sacerdot, jekk min ikun għassa jkollu arma ppuntata lej, ma tantx għandek ħans tparla u tinnegozja. Hekk kont qed naħseb filwaqt li sibt ruħi ser ninzel minn karozza tal-linja biex nirkeb oħra. X'ser nagħmel?"

Indur lejn Marija fil-bżonn tiegħi

Għal mument ġieni l-ħsieb li ndur lura lejn id-dar. "Le, għallinqas nista' nipprova," ħsibt bejni u bejn ruħi. "Jekk tal-għassa ma jdaħħlunix, al-

menu jistgħu jikkuntattjaw l-uffiċċju tal-kappillan. Imbagħad inkun nista' nispejja l-problema u ngħarrarhom li għal-lum ma jkunx possibbli nqaddes."

Imbagħad ġietni l-ispirazzjoni. Jiena sejjer hemm sabiex noffri s-sagrifiċċju tal-Quddies u ikel spiritwali lill-poplu ta' Alla. Ċertament dan ifisser xi ħaġa. Fil-pront ħsibt fil-Madonna u kont ċert li, jekk kienet ir-rieda t'Alla li l-Quddies tiġi ċcelebrata, hija setgħet issib il-mezz biex iddaħħalni hemm ġewwa.

Bħala iben tajjeb ta' Marija Immakulata, jiena mbagħad bdejt mill-ewwel nitlob il-'Memorare' waħda wara l-oħra - talba qawwija lill-Madonna, li tispicċa hekk: O Omm tal-Verb Inkarnat, twarrabx it-talb tiegħi, imma fil-ħniena tiegħek, ismagħni u weġibni."

Imtlejt bit-tama. Irkibt it-tieni karozza tal-linja mimli bil-paċi, issa li kont intlaqt għar-rieda ta' Alla; kont mimli fiduċja fil-qawwa tal-interċessjoni tal-Verġni Marija.

X'hin wasalt fl-istazzjon tal-għassa dħalt fil-bini tas-sigurtà, li hu żgħir u maqtugħ għalih. Hemmhekk spjegajt is-sitwazzjoni tiegħi lil tal-għassa. Ma mpressionajtux! Imbagħad tkellem sieħbu u staqsieni jekk ismi kienx irreġistrat fuq xi lista. Jiena għedtlu "iva." Saret telefonata. Tajt in-numru tiegħi tas-Sigurtà Soċjali u, f'ħakka t'għajn sibt ruħi diehel fil-Kwartieri biex noffri l-Quddies. Ikun imfahħar Alla, 'Grazzi, Omm tiegħi'.

Marija qrib tiegħi

Dan li ġara hawnhekk tani l-opportunità sabiex

nieqaf u naħseb fuq kemm il-Madonna hija qrib tiegħi fil-ħajja ta' kuljum. Ċertament, li wiehed jinsa l-kartiera warajh, jaqla' citazzjoni, jew jitlef xi haġa, ma tistax issejhlha krizi. Imma meta jkollna problemi bħal dawn jinkwetawna, u l-Madonna tkun taf x'inhu jiġri. Hija tkun tixtieq tgħinna għax hija thobbna u ġenwinament jimpurtaha mid-dettalji ta' ħajjitna. Aħsbu ftit kif hi indunat meta l-għarajjes tat-tieg ta' Kana naqashom l-inbid. (Ġw. 2: 1-11)

Dan l-aħħar ġieni f'moħħi wkoll li Marija hi daqshekk attenta għall-bżonnijiet tagħna mhux biss għax hija thobbna bħala ommna imma għax hija qasmet magħna t-taqbida tal-ħajja tagħna ta' kuljum bħala bnedmin. Niftakru kif hi tilfet lil Ġesù meta kellu tnax-il sena meta kienu sejrin lura Nazaret u kellha tmur lura Ġerusalem sabiex issibu. Faċli għalina li ninsew li qabel ma ġiet imtelligħa s-sema u saret Reġina, hi kienet tgħix b'saqajha mal-art. Aħsbu fuq x'uħud mill-affarijiet l-oħrajn li l-iskrittura tgħidilna li kellha tiffaċċja: bidla fil-pjanijiet tal-vokazzjoni tagħha, it-theddida tad-divorzju, li tmur tgħix f'pajjiż ieħor, u ma kellhiex flus biżżejjed.

Għaliex Ommna tas-Sema tant kellha saqajha fl-art fl-umanità tagħha, hija setgħet tara ċar il-qawwa ta' kif jaħdem Alla. Għalhekk ma kenitx qiegħda tiċċajta meta ruhha fahhret il-kobor tal-Mulej (Lq. 1: 46-55). Hija fehmet il-limitazzjoni tal-umanità tagħha kif ukoll is-setgħa ta' Alla li

għamel fiha hwejjeġ kbar. B'hekk hija setgħet kontinwament toffri l-'iva' tagħha b'fiduċja sħiha.

Il-Madonna tinterċedi għalina

Is-solennità tat-Tluġ fis-sema ta' Marija fil-15 t'Awwissu tgħinna nirriflettu fuq il-ħajja ta' Marija f'din l-art. F'dan il-misteru, aħna qegħdin mhux biss niffokaw fuq kif hi ġiet imtelligħa fis-sema bir-ruh u bil-ġisem, imma qegħdin nirriflett-tu wkoll il-ħajja tagħha bla ebda dnuh u mimlija virtù, li għamlitha possibli għaliha li hi tircievi privileġġ glorjuż bħal dan.

Kienet l-umanità tagħha mimlija bil-grazzja li ġiet imtelligħa fis-sema minhabba dik l-'iva' kontinwa li hi tat lil Alla fiċ-ċirkostanzi kollha ta' ħajjitha.

Hija wieġbet permezz ta' dik il-virtù erojka li ppermettitilha tkun mhux biss l-omm ta' Ġesù imma

wkoll id-dixxiplu perfett tiegħu. Għalhekk hi qiegħda tinterċiedi għalina fis-sema fl-umanità gglorifikata tagħha.

U hekk jiena nerġa' ndur lura għal dettall sinifikanti fl-istorja li bdejt biha: l-għassa fil-bini tas-sigurtà li għenitni kienet mara. Jiena dan haħtu bħala sinjal li r-Reġina tas-Sema kienet se taħdem permezz ta' mara oħra biex tgħin fil-bżonn tiegħi.

Iva, Ommna tas-Sema tafha sewwa l-umanità tagħna. L-ewwel darba li ssib ruħek f'xi bżonn dur lejha.



IL-LEJL IT-TAJJEB... IMMA MHUX DEJEM!

Għall-aħħar tax-xahar ta' Ottubru, niċcelebraw Jum il-Missjoni u niftakru ħafna fil-missjunarji. Dawn iż-żewġ stejjer ta' missjunarju jkellmuna fuq it-tbatija li minnha jgħaddu u jfakkruna nitolbu għalihom.

RIEDUNI NORQOD B'SAQAJJA 'L BARRA

Darba minnhom, kont f'raħal 'il bogħod, fejn in-nies jaħdmu l-qasab tal-bambu'. Filgħaxija, wara li kilt ma' dawk il-ħbieb, ingbarna lkoll

fil-kappella tal-qasab għar-rużarju. Imbagħad, għajjenin wara ġurnata xogħol, kulhadd ta lil xulxin il-lejl it-tajjeb u dabbru rashom biex jorqdu. Lili qaluli biex nibqa' fil-kappella għax kienu lestewli speċi ta' friex imdendel bil-ħbula li jagħmlu huma stess. Imma hekk kif rajtu, dak il- friex kien żgħir wisq għalija għax ma kienx it-tul tiegħi. Qaluli biex norqod fuqu mkebbeb...inkella dritt b'saqajja 'l barra. Kellhom skop f'moħħhom, għax in-nies t'hawnhekk huma superstizzjużi ħafna. Il-friex jagħmluh qasir apposta għax jemmnu li jekk inti torqod komdu tkun qed tistieden il-mewt malajr, li ddaħħlek kollok minn rasek sa saqajk ġol-kaxxa! Mela allura jaqbillek torqod b'saqajk 'l barra jekk trid tibqa' tghix għal ħafna snin aktar!

Madankollu lili xejn ma għoġbitni dik l-idea. Dakinhar jien kont ili nimxi minn sbieħ il-jum u issa ħassejtni għajjen mejjet. Kelli bżonn nistrieħ sewwa u mhux ngħaddi l-lejl nitqalleb, niċċaqlaq u b'saqajja mikxufa keshin silġ.

Bdejtni niftakar ukoll illi dawk in-nies xejn ma kienu jħobbu l-indafa. Is-'sodod' tagħhom tal-qasab malli jishnu joħorġu minnhom id-dud u l-insetti. M'hawnx għalija kemm kont se ngħaddi lejl tajjeb!...

Bil-hlewwa kollha irringrazzajtthom u wrejthom li ma xtaqtx norqod fuq dak





il-friex jitbandal. Ghalija kien biżżejjed jekk iġbuli ħasira ħa nifrixha mal-art u xi ħaġ'ohra biex nitgħatta biha. Iżda huma dritt berrqu għajnejhom f'wiċċi u qaluli: "Ara ma jfettillekx torqod mal-art Fadar!...Minn bejn il-qasab immermer, mal-lejl jidhlu ż-żringijiet u warajhom is-sriep biex jaqbd u lil dawn... Tissograx...għax jigdmek xi serp u filgħodu nsibuk iebes!...Nghidilkom is-sewwa, kexkxuni. "Kollox sew," għeditilhom. "Mela mn'Alla qed tgħiduli."

Imbagħad xhin telqu u hallewni wahdi, kontra qalbi ppruvajt dik is-'sodda' imma kif stajt noqgħod? Dik għat-tfal tajba. Hassejtni skomdu għall-aħħar. Bdejt inhoss qriż u tingiż ma' ġismi kollu. Anki rasi bdiet tikolni. Bilfors kelli nqum minn hemm u nintefa' xi mkien iehor.

Naturalment, il-ħsieb tal-periklu li avżawni bih ma halliniex nagħlaq għajnejja. U qgħadt naħseb f'kemm postijiet ohra qabel kont għaddejt iljieli mqajjem.

BIL-PJANĊI TAŻ-ŻINGU JTIRU FUQ RASI

Darb'ohra wkoll, f'raħal iehor għandna

kappella-skola bis-saqaf taż-żingu. Din tidher aħjar mill-ohra. U jiena qtajtli li kelli ngħaddi l-lejl fiha. Imma billi dik il-lejla qam riefnu qawwi, il-katekista ħajjarni mmur norqod għandu mall-familja, u l-aktar għax qalli: "It-travi li jżommu l-pjanċi xejn m'għadhom b'saħħithom għax kollha msewsin." Imma jien minn qaddisi ma nħobbx indejjaq in-nies u peress li bsart li dak ukoll ma kienu aħjar minn sħabu fl-iġjene, ma xtaqtx inkun ittumentat mid-dud u l-insetti għal lejli sħiħ. Ipperswadejtu li r-riħ dalwaqt ibatti u hekk stajt norqod hemm ġew, taħt dak is-saqaf.

Wara xi nofs siegħa, ir-riefnu flok waqaf aktar żdied. Qamet maltempata mill-kbar nett, bir-riħ ivenven u jagħmel hsejjes tal-biża'. Ried jaqla' kollox mill-qiegħ.

Qomt nagħmel xi puntali mal-bieba li kienet thabbat. Sthajjiltni se ntir b'kollox. Il-pjanċi wkoll kienu jiċċaqalqu u jperpru u jħabbtu u jogħlew bħal folji ta' pitazz. Ir-ragħad, il-beraq u s-sajjetti kienu juru l-aħħar tad-dinja. Ġieni ħsieb indaħħal rasi taħt l-artal u mn'Alla...għax fil-ħin buffura kbira qalgħet pjanċa minn postha u din niżlet b'sabta kważi fuqi. Issa r-riħ fis-saqaf aktar beda juri snien u għax il-pjanċi bdew jinqalgħu u jtiru wahda wara l-ohra. Beda wkoll jilħaqni t-taqtir tax-xita. Issaqsunx kemm il-ġakulatorja għedt u kemm-il darba għamilt l-att tal-indiema. Imma fl-aħħar dak il-lejl twil għadda wkoll.

Tajjeb kultant niftakru minn x'ħiex għaddejna fl-imghoddi waqt li għadna qawwijin u sħaħ. Dan biex niringrazzjaw lil ħanin Alla u niftakru li Hu dejjem magħna biex iħarisna mill-perikli, sakemm ikun għadu jrid jinqeda bina skond il-pjan tiegħu għalina.

Dun Bosco *fis-santi u kartolini*

id-Disa' parti

F'din id-disa' parti tas-sensiela taghna ser naraw ftit santi, xi ftit antiki bhas-soltu, li barra l-ikonografija, fi kliem ieħor l-immaġni jew stampa, jinkludu ukoll xi haġa oħra li tissejjaħ relikwa. Il-kelma relikwa tisser xi fdalijiet mill-ġisem proprju tal-qaddis, xi fdalijiet minn affarijiet li kienu jappartjenu jew użati mill-qaddis, jew affarijiet li ġew mimsusa ma' xi haġa minn dawn li għadna kif semmejna. Relikwi mill-ġisem proprju tal-qaddis, bħal ngħidu ahna għadam u xagħar, jissejju relikwi tal-ewwel klassi; filwaqt li dawk ġejjin minn xi affarijiet li ġew f'kontatt mall-qaddis, bħalma huma ilbies, għodda, kotba, għamara, eċċ., jirreferu għalihom bħala relikwi tat-tieni klassi. Dawk ir-relikwi, normalment biċċiet żgħar tad-drapp li ġew mimsusa ma' relikwi tal-ewwel jew tat-tieni klassi, jissejju tat-tielet klassi u huma l-iżjed komuni. Fil-waqt li r-relikwi tal-ewwel u t-tieni klassi insibuhom fil-knejjes, katidrali,

mużewijiet jew monasteri, dawk tat-tielet klassi jistgħu jkunu għand kulhadd. Kif nistgħu naraw tajjeb mis-santi li għandna ma' din il-kitba, metodu faċli kif dawn ir-relikwi jiġu mxerrda fost il-fidili huwa li jitwaħħlu mas-santi.

Mil-lat storiku, jista' jingħad li r-relikwi tal-martri, qaddisin, affarijiet u oġġetti marbuta ma' xi grajja b'aspett sagru jew reliġjuż, mill-bidu nett kienu jinżammu b'qima u għożża kbira, u dan mhux biss fir-reliġjon nisranija iżda anke f'reliġjonijiet oħra madwar id-dinja. Matul l-istorja mqallba tal-knisja, ir-relikwi mhux darba jew tnejn kienu l-qofol ta' kontroversja, u l-Knisja, fil-waqt li tapprova l-qima lejn ir-relikwi, twissi serjament kontra s-superstizzjoni. B'dan irridu nifessru li kull grazzja tiġi minn Alla; il-qaddisin huma l-qaddejja tiegħu u r-relikwi, għeżiež kemm huma għeżiež, ma għandhom ebda qawwa fiżika li jaqilgħu grazzji jew jagħmlu mirakli. Il-funzjoni tar-relikwi, bħal hafna

Appell: *Nixtieq nieħu din l-opportunità biex nistieden lil min għandu xi santi ta' Dun Bosco li jista' jiddisponi minnhom biex jgħaddihomli halli titkompla tikber il-kollezzjoni. Il-kollezzjoni tinkludi ukoll lil S. Franġisk ta' Sales, S. Domenico Savio, Maria Awżiljatriċi, u l-erwieħ tajba kollha Salesjani. Niġbor ukoll domni, bolli, midalji u materjal ieħor b'konnessjoni ma' Dun Bosco jew is-Salesjani. Grazzi bil-quddiem.*



9.1



9.2

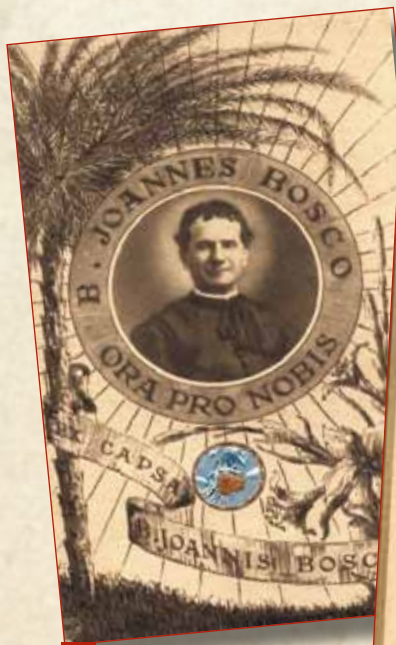


9.3

affarijiet viżivi oħra, hija li jgāghluna nħossu aktar il-viċinanza tal-qaddis jew qaddisa, u hekk inħossuna aktar qrib lejn Alla.

Fl-era bikrija tal-Kristjaneżmu u fiż-żminijiet tan-nofs, ir-relikwi tant kienu popolari li l-knejjes u katidrali kienu bħal f'pika min ikollu l-iżjed ħa jkun jista jattira aktar pellegrini u viżitaturi. Dan wassal għal sitwazzjoni fejn l-awtentiċità ta' xi uħud mir-relikwi bdiet tiġi fid-dubju u anke żviluppa ammont konsiderevoli ta' xetticiżmu. Fost l-aktar relikwi famużi u meqjuma nsibu affarijiet li għandhom x'jaqsmu mall-passjoni ta' Kristu bħall-imsiemer, biċċiet mis-salib, xewk, eċċ., kif ukoll ammont kbir ta' għadam ta' ħafna qaddisin u martri.

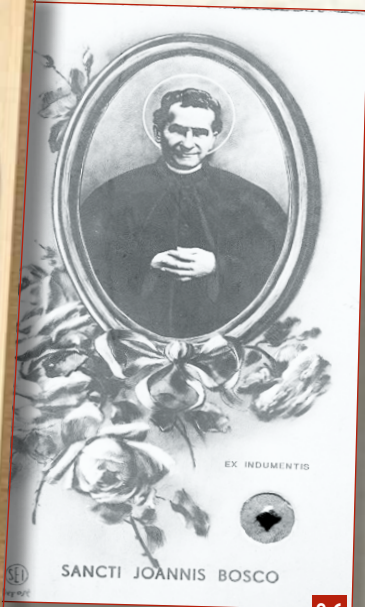
Nghaddu issa biex naraw is-santi li għandna ma' din it-taqsim. Is-santi numru 9.1 sa 9.4, ġew stampati meta Dun Bosco kien għadu beatu u fuq wara tal-ewwel waħda (9.1) hemm appell biex min irid xi relikwi tal-beatu, jixtieq jirraporta xi grazzja jew jagħmel xi offerta għall-kawża tal-kanonizzazzjoni, għandu jagħmel dan billi jikteb lir-'Rettor Maggiore dei Salesiani - Torino (109) Via Cottolengo, 32 (Italia)'. It-tip ta' relikwi li hemm fuq is-santi bin-numru 9.1, 9.2, 9.5, u 9.6 huma msejħa 'EX INDUMENTIS' li tfisser illi n-nitfa drapp imwaħħla mas-santa kienet minn xi lbies tal-qaddis. B'differenza, ir-relikwi li hemm imwaħħla mas-santi 9.3 u 9.4 huma hekk imsejħa 'EX CAPSA'. Dan jindika li l-laqxa njam imwaħħla mas-santa



9.4



9.5



9.6

hija meħuda mit-tebut jew kaxxa li fija hemm il-fdalijiet ta' ġisem il-qaddis. F'dawn l-aħħar snin, pero' deħru santi u domni ta' diversi qaddisin fejn ir-relikwi ġo fihom kienu biss intmessu mal-ħwejjeġ jew tebut tal-qaddisin! Għaldaqstant, b'referenza għal dak li għedna iktar kmieni, is-santi bir-reliwki jittqiesu tat-tieni klassi; filwaqt li dawk moderni li biss intmessu mal-ħwejjeġ jew tebut tal-qaddis/a huma tat-tielet klassi.

Normalment dawn it-tip ta' reliwki jsiru billi tittaqqab toqba żgħira fis-santa, hafna drabi bħala

parti mid-disinn tal-immagni (eż. Numru 9.1, 9.3 u 9.4); din tiġi mgħottija b'biċċa plastik, ir-relikwa titpoġġa taħtha u tiġi ssiġillata permezz ta' speċi ta' tikketta li tixhed il-verità u l-awtenticità taqgha (ara numru 9.7). Iżda mhux dejjem hekk. Jekk inħarsu lejn is-santa numru 9.2, insibu li għalkemm fid-disinn tas-santa ġie inkluz spazju għar-relikwa, din twaħħlet fil-post mingħajr protezzjoni ta' xejn u bla ebda sinjal ta' verifika.

Nistieden lill-qarejja biex jixtarru u jaqraw fuq dan is-suġġett għax huwa interessanti ferm.



9.7

SPYS: Żgħażaġh B'Inizzjattiva!

Matul is-sena, grupp ta' 14-il żaġżuġh/a qiegħed jiġi mhejji, fi hdan is-Salesian Youth Pastoral Service (SPYS) sabiex imur iqatta' xi ġimgħat ta' xogħol missjunarju volontarju f'artijiet barra minn Malta: il-Kenja, il-Ghana u l-Indja. Dawn iż-żgħażaġh se jrin ikunu nvoluti f'sitt proġetti tal-edukazzjoni jew tas-saħħa.

Bi thejji għal dawn il-vjaġġi missjunarji, dawn il-voluntiera qegħdin jiġu mharrġa permezz ta' xi esperjenzi fejn huma jridu jagħtu sehemhom u jidhlu għal xi biċċa xogħol. Allura, nhar is-Sibt 4 ta' Ġunju organizzaw car-wash fil-parkeġġ ta' 'Tigne Point' Shopping Centre. Fil-hames sigħat li damu jaħdmu u jaħslu, lestew 75 karozza u għamlu s-somma ta' €650.00. Waħda mill-managers ta' 'The Point', Ms. Alison Gauċi ziedet tathom €120 bħala donazzjoni, liema flus ziedu l-entuzjażmu tal-voluntiera. Hajr ukoll imur lil Mr. Kevin Baker li għin haġna sabiex jittella u jirnexxi dan il-proġett.

Fost dawk li haġu l-karozza tagħhom għall-ħasil, kien hemm ukoll xi awtoritajiet lokali li b'hekk riedu juru l'appoġġ tagħhom għal din l-attività għall-karità li fija ż-żgħażaġh urew haġna entuzjażmu, ferħ, ġenerosità u koperazzjoni.

Wara din l-avventura li kienet suċċess kbir, nhar it-28 ta' Ġunju, proprju lejlet l-Imnarja, li SPYS organizzaw "SPYS Up Summer Music Fest". Dan il-kunċert sar fi Ġnien Indipendenza f'Tas-Sliema, bil-kollaborazzjoni tal-Kunsill Lokali ta' Tas-Sliema, u fih haġu sehem numru ta' rock bands ta' żgħażaġh minn Tas-Sliema stess. L-iskop ta' dal-kunċert kien ukoll sabiex jinġabru fondi għall-proġetti li fihom ser ikunu nvoluti l-istess voluntiera.

Waqt illi jferrhu u jiġbru xi flus, dawn l-attivitajiet jgħinu mhux ftit sabiex dawk li ser imorru jaħdmu fuq proġetti jitharrġu, jirbhu kunfidenza fihom infushom u jitgħallmu jaffrontaw sitwazzjonijiet li jistgħu ikunu diffiċli. Fl-imġhoddi wkoll, bil-fondi miġbura u bl-enerġija ta' dawn iż-żgħażaġh, inbenew laboratorju tal-computers u hostel sabiex jgħinu tfal fil-bżonn.





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X'INHI BORŻA TA' STUDJU?

Hija somma ta' flus li tghinna biex inhallsu parti mill-formazzjoni ta' żagħżuġh li qed ihejji ruhu biex isir saċerdot Salesjan.

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JEHTIEĠ LI BILFORS TAGHTI S-SOMMA F'DAQQA?

Le. Wieheđ jista' jagħtiha biċċa biċċa, tant fix-xhar jew tant fis-sena.

JEHTIEĠ LI BILFORS IS-SOMMA TKUN MOGHTIJA MINN WIEHEĐ BISS?

Le. Jistgħu jiftehmu flimkien iktar minn persuna wahda u kulhadd jagħti sehm. Iżda min johroġ wahdu s-somma kollha, ikun fundatur ta' dik il-Borża.

JISTÀ WIEHEĐ IHALLI L-BORŻA BHALA LEGAT WARA MEWTU?

Jistà. U min jagħmel hekk, jistà jikteb fit-testment: "Inhalli bħala legat lis-Salesjani ta' Don Bosco, is-somma ta' għall-formazzjoni ta' żagħżuġh Malti fl-istess Soċjetà.

Għin il-hidma Salesjana

Dawk li huma l-iżjed fil-periklu l-aktar jihtieġu għajjnuna. Dawk li m'għandhomx lehen jehtieġu xi hadd jiddefendihom. San Ġwann Bosco kien jafu dan. Hu hadem f'hajtu kollha għaž-żgħažgħ, għall-foqra u għal dawk li huma l-aktar fil-bżonn.

Huwa fatt ta' swied il-qalb li llum hafna żgħažgħ huma:

- vittma ta' min jużahom biex jistgħana
- abbużati sesswalment
- użati mill-mexxejja tad-droga
- imċaħħdin minn valuri essenzjali fil-hajja

Int tistà tghinna. Meta qed tagħmel hekk, int tkun qed tieġu sehem fil-hidma ta' Don Bosco. Alla biss ikun jaf il-ġid li tkun qed tagħmel.

Ċempel lil Fr Eric Cachia SDB fuq 21 331 447

Apparitions of Our Lady

Our Lady of the Rosary



According to a venerable tradition, the Rosary was revealed to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. In the year 1214, as St. Dominic withdrew into a forest near Toulouse, France, for three days of prayer and penance, the Virgin Mary appeared to him, accompanied by three angels, and gave him the Holy Rosary. She said: *“Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world? I want you to know that, in this kind of warfare, the principal weapon has always been the Angelic Psalter (the Hail Mary), which is the*

foundation-stone of the New Testament. Therefore, if you want to reach these hardened souls and win them over to God, preach my Psalter.” Our Lady said that any time people recite the Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose, and that at each complete Rosary, they make her a crown of roses, in Latin *Rosarium*. Accordingly, St. Dominic promoted the Rosary for the rest of his life, witnessing an outpouring of graces and conversions.