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Dear friends,

It is dear to me to be able to write these lines, and I am very grateful to those who have allowed me to do so, because they allow me to meet you, at least in writing, and to share with you the joy of the new missionary expedition, which this issue of Cagliero 11 recalls.

A missionary expedition relates, more clearly than any human words, the fidelity to God's call and the freshness of the Salesian Charism to the ends of the earth. The Gift of God of the Salesian Charism has always, and in an ever-new way, had within it the dimension of Missionarity, the participation in the heart of the Church... beyond any vision, culture, belonging.

This has always been true, and we all know it, but to see it renewed in "flesh and blood" is a great gift. It renews our Faith and our Hope.

Yes! Because the testimony of those who leave keeps the missionary dimension alive in all of us, where we are and with those who are part of our existence.

Hope never disappoints, it sustains us, and this upcoming event makes it even stronger and more alive. May Hope be with you! Always!

■ **Fr. Stefano Martoglio SDB**
Vicar of the Rector Major

155th Missionary Expedition

Sent by the Vicar of the Rector Major from Valdocco on **29 September 2024**.

27 members of the 155th Missionary Expedition 2024:



N°	PR. OF ORIG.	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	NAME	PR. OF DESTIN.	COUNTRY/ REGION OF DESTINATION
1	ACC	DR Congo	S. MUFELE NGANKWINI, Henri	IME	Italy
2	ACC	DR Congo	S. MUTOMBO, Guy Roger	IME	Italy
3	AFC	DR Congo	S. KAKULE KATALIKO, Confiance	URU	Uruguay
4	AFC	DR Congo	P. KISENGA MWANGWA, Ephrem	CIN	Hong Kong
5	AFC	DR Congo	S. MUHINDO TSONGO, Clovis	BPA	Brazil
6	AFC	DR Congo	L. MUTIMA BALEKAGE, Alain Josaphat	URU	Uruguay
7	AGL	Uganda	S. MENYA, Ernest Kirunda	INE	Romania
8	AGL	Burundi	S. NDAYICARIYE, Eric	KOR	Mongolia
9	ATE	Central African Rep.	S. BALEZOU, Donatien Martial	BBH	Brazil
10	CAM	El Salvador	S. NUÑEZ, Daniel	CNA	Nord Africa
11	CRO	Croatia	S. DROPULJIĆ, Marko	KOR	Mongolia
12	CRO	Croatia	S. GABRIČEVIĆ, Krešo Maria	PGS	Papua NG/Solomon Isl.
13	CRO	Croatia	S. GAŠPAR, Rafael	BBH	Brazil
14	CRO	Croatia	P. ZOVAK, Marijan	ANT	Dominican Republic
15	FIN	Philippines	P. MERCADO, Enrico	AFM	South Africa
16	INB	India	S. MANUEL, Alan	CNA	North Africa
17	INH	India	P. VANGA, Joseph	PGS	Papua NG/Solomon Isl.
18	INS	India	P. MAWA, Albert Tron	LKC	Sri Lanka
19	INS	India	P. THYRNIANG, Hubert	AON	Benin
20	INT	India	S. AROCKIARAJ, Eruthaya Valan	ACC	Congo/DR Congo
21	MDG	Madagascar	S. RAKOTONIRINA, Herimampionona Dorisse Angelot	AKM*	Albania
22	MOZ	Mozambique	L. JOAQUIM, Mouzinho Domingos	AKM*	Albania
23	TLS	East Timor	S. CABRAL, Nelson Alves	AFC	DR Congo
24	TLS	East Timor	S. GUTERRES DOS SANTOS, Elisio Ilidio	INE	Romania
25	TLS	East Timor	S. VIANA, Francisco Armindo	ACC	Congo/DR Congo
26	VIE	Vietnam	S. ĐỖ, Trong Hữu Francis	CIL	Chile
27	VIE	Vietnam	S. VŨ, Tuấn Anh Joseph	CIL	Chile

AKM* – Delegation "Our Lady of Good Counsel"

L. – Salesian Brother (Coadjutor) | P. – Salesian Priest | S. – Salesian Cleric

Origin: Africa-Madagascar 11; East Asia - Oceania 6; South Asia 5; Central-North Europe 4; Interamerica 1; America South Cone 0; Mediterranean 0.

Destination: Mediterranean 8; America South Cone 7; Africa-Madagascar 5, East Asia - Oceania 5; South Asia 1; Interamerica 1; Central-North Europe 0.



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SALESIAN MISSION IN BANGLADESH IS GROWING

Dear Father Francis, this year in the Salesian mission in Bangladesh the fruits of the consecration to the priesthood of the first confreres of local origin have ripened: Victor Mankhin was ordained a priest and Johnny Ruram a deacon. You have been in this mission from the very beginning, what do these moments mean to you personally?

Evidently these are moments of great joy for me. They are occasions for thanking God and our Blessed Mother for the countless blessings that have been showered on our Salesian Mission in Bangladesh. In a sense they mark a new beginning, as gradually the local Salesian confreres will begin to shoulder various responsibilities to carry forward and further expand the Salesian apostolate. At the same time these blessings prod me on to pray all the more fervently that the Bangladeshi Salesians may be imbued with the genuine Salesian spirit, in complete faithfulness to the Salesian charism and fulfilling the daily demands of the Salesian consecrated and community life with dedication and generosity.

What do you see as the opportunity and the greatest potential for further development of Salesian work in Bangladesh?

Opportunities are indeed many for Salesian work in Bangladesh. We have pending invitations from several Bishops to begin Salesian presences in their dioceses. At present we are not able to accept these invitations because we are short of personnel. There is no lack of poor and disadvantaged youth and children in this country. Hence there will never be a lack of Salesian relevance here. A good, all-round education in the Salesian way is the best way to help these children and youth find their way through life. The future of Salesian work in Bangladesh will depend largely on the number, quality and commitment of the young Salesians who are now in formation. And I am very optimistic about it.

How can we who live far away help the work, especially the young people of Bangladesh?

I think the basic thing is to have a positive attitude towards this country and its young people, not a condescending accommodation. They are children and youth like those in any other country, no matter what their religion or social background may be. Financial help through scholarships too can be of great help to many of them.



Fr. Francis Alencherry SDB



Originally from Kerala, India, he has worked in West Bengal since he was a Salesian aspirant at the age of 12. After his studies he worked as professor at **Sacred Heart College**, Shillong, and obtained a doctorate in Biblical studies in Rome. He was appointed **Provincial of Calcutta Province (INC)** in 1997.

In 2002 was elected by the 25th General Chapter as the **General Councillor for Missions**.

In 2008, he was sent by the Rector Major to establish a new mission **in Bangladesh**, where he is still serving.

SEPTEMBER SALESIAN MISSIONARY INTENTION

For the cry of the Earth

For the poor and exploited of Bangladesh and for the sustainment of the Salesians working for them

Let us pray that each of us will listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and the victims of natural disasters and climatic changes, committing ourselves personally to caring for the world that we inhabit.

[Prayer intention of Pope Francis]

BANGLADESH

