



The Nest: Where Nurturing Begins

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What Don Bosco is about?

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the driving vision of Don Bosco, the PUGAD Boys continue to be a vibrant, nurturing community that continues to transform underprivileged youth to empower young men to become integrated members of society. ■

Don Bosco is a training and formation Center for poor and need migrant youth from all over the country. Young men called “PUGAD Boys” live in the PUGAD Center where they undergo psycho-spiritual training for fifteen months and gain the necessary technical and manpower skills to attend regular schools and colleges.

PUGAD Boys also gain the skills required for livelihood programs to become self-reliant in

in providing for the needs of its constituents and the Center’s unkeep. At present, Don Bosco has several programs that include Manna from Heaven Breadshop and Bosco Spring Water Refill Station.

After 15 months of spiritual and physical training, PUGAD Boys leave the center to find employment. Some of them even become part of the PUGAD staff. Through the Lord’s providence and

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Editorial's note:

Truly non-governmental organizations like Pugad and its fellow organizations are helpful in reaching out to the people who are lost. They are the type of organizations that gives many lives a chance to make it better by helping them in many different ways with the organizations respective programs. The rise of these non government organizations gradually in creasing nowadays because the societal problem do not seem to get better. Hence, the many people questioning if the government of the Philippines are doing their jobs.

For Pugad particularly, they are able to lessen the number of male youths around the country from staying and living in the streets with who knows what they do to be able to feed themselves or make through yet another day. Pugad opens their doors for young male teenagers in developing working skills which can enable them to work after having finished the programs they will go through in Pugad when they become a part of it. Pugad does not only do that but as well as providing them spiritualy guidance which is the very foundation of why the organization is functioning. The importance of acknowledging a higher power and a solace for hope, love and peace.

From my point of view I firmly believe that people who have the means to continually support these type of organizations are important. It is because of these organizations who attempts to restore broken lives of young people. They are actually the ones who give the great deal of caring and having more people will truly mean a lot for these organization to further help them.

"Be blessed and be a blessing."

Sincerely,
Marnique Del Rosario

Prayer of A Worker



Lord, Jesus Christ, I offer You today all my work, my hopes, my sorrows and joys. Grant me the grace to remain close to You today, to work with You and to do all that I do for Your honor and glory. Help me to love You with all my heart and to serve You with all my strength.

Help me, Lord, to give a full day's work for a full day's pay. Help me to respect the property of others, to be honest in dealing with those involved in this task, and to put forth effort with personal interest. Give me the spirit of charity that I may contribute to the happiness of all those with whom I work, and when the job is done, grant us all a peaceful rest. Amen.

Youth Ministry Strategic Planning

Written by: Martha Ilano



Last July 16-17, 2011, the Youth Ministry held its first strategic planning session at Tabor House, Pansol, Laguna. The Salesian Commission on Youth Ministry (SYMC) facilitated the activity. Representatives of the different parish organizations began organizing different strategies for a one year action plan and calendar of activities for the Youth Ministry. Each group renewed its commitment to continue working to strengthen the Youth Ministry. The two-day gathering ended with a mass celebration given by Rev. Fr. Ting Miciano.

Pandesal: A Gift From Heaven

Written by: Marnique del Rosario



When Don Bosco Pugad Center first decided to teach livelihood to the youth through the opening of a small business venture, they had no idea that they chose an business that would touch the heart of ordinary men.

Manna from Heaven started at a low capital but it was easy to manage, maintain and is easy to market. It continued to grow until the Pandesal of Don Bosco when on a joint venture with Caltex Philippines to form a new engagement program. Even now, the program continues to grow and according to Fr. Javines from Don Bosco Pugad, they hope that the business continues to grow into a full-scale commercial bakery that offers all type of bread. Once that dream is achieved, they hope to further expand the territory and market to neighboring villages to supply

the youth with the opportunity to learn how to work and learn the hands-on experience of baking bread.

Happy Birthday, Fr. Ting!

Written by: Maiko Macalagay



Not only will St. John Bosco Parish Makati celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15, it will also mark another special occasion. This year, Reverend Father Romeo Agustin Ma. G. Miciano celebrates his 50th birthday with the Don Bosco community.

Fr. Ting is an admired member of the community and is remembered for his concise and insightful homilies. He is an individual who manages to deliver the Lord's Good News during the Holy Eucharist with a combination of well-chosen words and talented phrases. He has the ability of making the Word of the Lord come alive in his teachings. Fr. Ting is most remembered for his pastorship and his ability to revive the community's awareness and concern for the youth ministry.

We thank you Fr. Ting for your continueing support for the parish community through projects providing livelihood, medical and emergency relief services and for a leadership marked with patience and gentle assurance. Happy 50th birthday!

Don Bosco's Birthday

Written by: Lei Fajardo

This August 16, we celebrate St. John Bosco's special day and here are some simple ideas on how to celebrate his birthday with him:

1. Remember St. John Bosco's life and how he earned the title "Father and Teacher of the Young".
2. Remember St. John Bosco's kindness and be encourage to imitate his love by donating and giving to those less fortunate.



3. When someone has done you wrong, remember the loving kindness of Don Bosco and instead of acting on revenge and punishment, remember to forgive and to never commit to the mistake of doing wrong to others.
4. Remember the importance of praying. Remember to say grace before and after meals. Pray the Rosary before bedtime and encourage others to join you in simple prayer that they may be taught the importance of faith and communicating with God through simple phrases.

These are simple ways to remember St. John Bosco's birthday. Don Bosco is a source of wonder and hope for many you people all over the world. Happy Birthday, St. John Bosco!

Prayer to Saint John Bosco

O glorious Saint John Bosco, who, in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to form them in the light of faith and Christian morality, didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didst found a fitting religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from our Lord a holy love for young people, who are exposed to so many seductions, in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. Amen



Prayer of Saint John Bosco to Mary

O Mary, powerful Virgin, thou art the mighty and glorious protector of holy Church; thou art the marvelous help of Christians; thou art terrible as an army in battle array; thou alone hast destroyed every heresy in the whole world. In the midst of our anguish, our struggles and our distress defend us from the power of the enemy and at the hour of our death receive our souls in paradise. Amen.



DON BOSCO PUGAD: HOME FOR POOR AND NEEDY MIGRANT YOUTH