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Workshop with Novices: The Oratorian Heart

March 9-10, 2017, Sacred Heart Center, NJ.
At the invitation of Sr. Joanne Holloman, Sr. Corazon Beboso gave a Workshop on the 'Oratorian Heart' to the Novices of SUA/CND. The interactive sessions centered on Chapter 4 of the document: 'The Oratory, an Open Courtyard' wherein the Oratories of Valdocco and Mornese were re-visited. The 4 criteria came alive in a new light with our discussions, sharings and creative activities suited to today's youth. Creating an environment of Home, Playground, School and Church became an invitation and a challenge to continually deepen and apply this in our ministries if we are to be faithful to the heart of DB and MM. This is a new direction to take wherever we FMAs are!

This is our Chapter gift to the young and to our communities. In her Circular 968, Mo. General, Sr. Yvonne points out:

"How can we not re-visit Valdocco and Mornese where the Oratorian heart beats strongly; where joy,.. embody an environment in which the encounter with God and with the young flowed from one source: love given with joy and continuity?"

For evaluation, Sr. Cora asked the Novices: How did this workshop impact your vocation/mission?

Dear Novices,

May the Oratorian Heart beat in you and make you alive with passion so that young people may have life and have it to the full. May Mary be for each one of you always a mother and a teacher to guide your way.

Sr. Runita G. Borja FMA
Youth Ministry-Rome
March 9, 2017



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Sr. Kelly Schuster- 2nd Year

It reminded me of why I came here. My first experience was with the SDBs and they really incorporate the oratorian criteria in their school. So it was a nice look back as well as food for thought looking forward.

Sr. Melissa Benitez, 2nd Year

This was very reaffirming to my vocation/mission. Talking about the oratorian heart, Salesianity, and doing fun, faith-filled activities reminded me that the Salesian mission that awaits me is so much larger than my theology and philosophy studies.

Sr. Quynh Pham- 2nd Year

This workshop helps me to see the importance of having an Oratorian Heart in the Salesian Spirit. An Oratorian Heart is important because this is the way we approach the young and the way the young approach us. We are not only there to provide the fun but also with spiritual food.

Echoes from the Novices: What impact did the workshop bring to your vocation/mission?



Sr. Monica Wheeler 2nd Year

I think this workshop helped me to really embrace the idea that education is a matter of the heart, and that as Salesian educators that heart MUST be the Oratorian Heart of our founders! It put in a clear and concise framework what our educating mission should look like and gave me a taste of what it would feel like to then be a student in such an atmosphere. Participating in these days also helped to remind me of the Joy that is central to our mission and the optimism that is necessary in order to attract young people to holiness.

Sr. Joyce Bermejo 1st Year

The Oratorian Heart workshop made me reflect upon the very purpose as to why I am a novice. Pre-occupied with retreat preparations and homework, I was thinking about many things and distracted me from the workshop. However as I listened to the roots of the Oratorian Heart, as lived by MM & DB, God opened my heart to welcome this workshop. I was reminded of my vocation call, of my initial attraction to the institute (the charism, the life of DB & MM), that above else, the purpose for my existence is to give glory to God and salvation of souls.



Sr. Molly Heine 1st year

This workshop impacted my vocation in a way that it affirmed in me again that I am where God is calling me to be at this moment in my life. It impacted the way I looked at the mission and how I could live out any assignment with an Oratorian heart like Don Bosco and Mary Mazzarello.

From March 10 to 12, I was initially invited to Women's Discernment Group of Archdiocese of Vancouver to present the charism and spirituality of Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco by Fr. John Cosgrove, SDB, who is the pastor of the Salesian parish in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This is a monthly gathering of young ladies who are between 18 to 35 to discern a religious vocation and it is entrusted to Sr. Mary Sabina, a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia.

Meanwhile, Fr. John, Sr. Elizabeth and I decided to use the occasion for Vocation promotion in the school and the parish. Talking to students in school and the parish during the three days took place almost whole day every day.

Despite the low number of participants (4 ladies came), the trip was not unworthy at all. Meeting with the cooperators was a joyful encounter as well!

SR. HAE-JIN'S VOCATION PROMOTION IN SURREY, BC.



I could feel very much the Salesian family spirit prevalent in every gathering and every group there. Young people there were fully immersed in Salesian love. It was very emotional for me to see it and talk about the works of Salesian sisters and the charism of the congregation. It provided me a wonderful opportunity to reflect on my identity as a Salesian Sister.

(Sr. Hae-Jin Lim, FMA)



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