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'Amongst all unimportant subjects football is by far the most important'
(Pope John Paul II).

From the Rector's keyboard:

2nd July 2010

Greetings from Bosco,

Now if I was a sports writer I would be able to wax eloquent on all the soccer that has been happening around us. We have had a mixture of nationalities staying at Bosco this past month, never mind the odd mix of teams supported by the incumbents. Well, as the big name teams have been sent home one by one, most here are still rooting for Ghana, although no prizes for guessing who our local Brazilian has money on! So we wait and see if Ghana makes it tonight or not!

Peace and Blessings

Fr Robert

Fr Robert Gore SDB

Many thanks to those of you who send in snippets of news, the funny, the uplifting, and the strange stories doing the rounds. All greatly appreciated.

BOSCO CENTRE NEWS.

1. The new Chalets with a view have received their first guests. American soccer supporters, Sam's Army, made their HQ here at Bosco and billeted in the new smart Chalets.
2. All the new trees were planted ...then came those days of black frost a couple of weeks ago. It is hoped that the trees were in long enough to survive...those that do will not have any problems in the future with the uncertain weather.

COMMUNITY NEWS

1. Breven Clarke has found his way back to Bosco. He is presently helping with the LoveMatters workshops. In August he is planning to go to the Salesian Novitiate in Lusaka.
2. Volunteers Kutloano and Roxanne celebrated his birthday during June, as did Fr John Coleman. Fr John turned the big Eight OH!
3. Bro Mojela has graced us with his presence this month. Back from Nairobi for the university holidays, he is preparing for his final profession as a Salesian on the 18th July. He will make his perpetual vows in Lesotho at the Sunday Mass with all his family and wider community gathered around.
4. The Bosco Oratory Youth spent one of their days together picking up litter on the Bosco property...piling up a stack of black bags with rubbish.

PAST PUPIL NEWS

1. **Glenn Foley** (84 – 86) and family visited on a warm Sunday afternoon. Living in Kempton Park and doing well with "Dirt" a popular motorcycle magazine.

2. **Wayne Reynolds** (82 - Matric 1986) dropped an e-mail from Australia to find out how things are going this end of the world at Bosco.
3. **Jeffrey Lok** (68 – 74, lives in Jo'burg) visited on the 14th June. He was accompanied by his brother Gregory (lives in Cape Town). He was in the same class / year as Fr Francois Dufour...matric 1973. Their father passed away recently. May he rest in Peace.
4. **Anthony Modena** (66 – Matric72) wrote asking prayers for his brother **Vincent** (78 – Matric 82). He was taken up for an emergency procedure in the early hours of Saturday morning to remove a cancer. He is currently recovering but we ask that you keep him in your prayers for a good recovery and that we have managed to get this in time!

A SELECTION OF COMMENTS FROM ~~LoveMatters~~ PARTICIPANTS

The important thing I learnt is that I have to be pure until I get married so that I won't get diseases and do abortion I also know how to make decisions (10 keys of success). The importance of being a virgin

You should believe in yourself and stand for what you believe, also to mean what you say, practise what you preach

I learnt that life has challenges and in life you have to succeed in your goals and that life is a precious gift from God

I learnt that there more important things in life that should be valued more than others. I also learnt how to interact with other people

I've learnt that condoms are not 100%safe and that the best way to be safe is to abstain I also learnt how contraceptives can put you at a higher risk of contracting STD's & STI's

I realised that commandment that says thou shall not commit adultery must be taken seriously, because it protects you from a lot of problems

The most striking thing I leant this week is to never give up no matter what. And don't say I can't because you can life has up and down but don't give up

The story Garvan Byrne and of Tommy Jarvis because it taught me to always focus on the positive side of things and forget the negative

I learnt what Love is and how important is it to use sex as a gift from God

I learnt that in life I will have to make decisions that will affect my life positively and make me a great person

I got to really know the meaning of love, sex and marriage I got to know how to take all my decisions on everything I do I learned so much more it was really eye opening

How to take care of myself for the future. Keeping my virginity and abstain is the best thing I can do for my future

That success comes with gratitude and acknowledgement of weaknesses and strengths. The bible sharing also meant a lot for me

Well I found my true self and got to know my friends' decisions and how they feel mostly; to get to know the Bosco team

Many things, but mostly of Garvan Byrne, Marriage is lekker Tommy Jarvis, Substance Abuse

Most of the things were very striking during this week but the most striking was the story of Tommy Jarvis he was inspiring and a very brave guy

It was when Tommy was telling about his life and how is his status, how diseases are passed and to face my fears

I learnt that in life there are choices and when making them you should first think of the consequences

Some of the Groups through during May 2010:

LoveMatters: Pretoria Parishes {St Thomas – Laudium, Moya Parish – Tembisa, St Matthews – Tembisa, Christ the New Man } (80); All Saints (48); Kopano Lerato (53) Pretoria Parishes { St Joseph – Brits, St Zeno, Christ the King, St John Baptist, St Mary's Mamalodi, Sts Anne and Joachim, St Mark Mabopane } (121).

SOCCER Guests: USA (20); SPAIN (34); FRANCE (10).

Day Retreats/Picnics: Sacred Heart College (82)

Everybody wants to talk, few want to think, and nobody wants to listen!

Echoes from the past.

Bosco was really a huge stepping stone for me, even though I realize how very immature and naïve I still was back then and made some crazy choices. I've grown and matured a lot over the years. I miss Bosco a whole lot. I might be popping in for a visit soon.

I'm still singing as part of a praise and worship team and I've also been helping out Bianca Le Grange (yes, from PoP Idols) with some background vocals. I'm working on my own cd as well so hopefully by October I'll start popping up all over TV and radio depending on how well my single does.

Married life is quite eventful but it's lovely, thanks. Giana takes up much of my time but I've been assisting many youth leaders all over (both Catholic and Pentecostal) with a lot of materials and pointers with regards to running their own youth workshops etc. and it's quite potent.

Giana turned a year on the 16th of Feb this year. She's rather busy and already counts up until five. She knows her "gentle Jesus bedtime prayer" well. Too cute!

Tessa Louw (now Buckland) Bosco Volunteer 2004

LIFE ISSUES

Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

Protestant Churches have joined forces in an advertising campaign that shows a scan of baby Jesus in the Virgin Mary's womb, complete with a halo. The poster campaign reads: 'He's on His way. Christmas starts with Christ.' John Smeaton, national director of SPUUC, said the advertisement sends a powerful message to everyone in Britain where 570 babies are killed every day in the womb, 365 days a year, under the Abortion Act. [[John Smeaton, 9 June](#)] <http://bit.ly/8YiB8Q> Belgium's non-voluntary euthanasia deaths almost equal voluntary euthanasia deaths.



According to a new study, nearly as many Belgian euthanasia killings are non voluntary as of those that are voluntary. In September 2002, Belgium became the second country in the world after the Netherlands to legalise euthanasia since the fall of Nazi Germany. Wesley J Smith, the prominent bioethicist, explained the situation by saying that once the euthanasia monster is let out of its cage, the guidelines and safeguards become less protective than wet tissue paper. [[John Smeaton, 8 June](#)] <http://bit.ly/97FoGj>

New documentary reveals the racist, eugenic origins of the abortion industry. [[LifeSiteNews.com, 10 June](#)] <http://bit.ly/9zFA8p>

Scottish people oppose assisted suicide bill.

87% of those who submitted evidence to the Scottish parliament regarding Margo MacDonald's assisted suicide bill were opposed to the introduction of assisted-suicide laws in Scotland. Reports say that almost 20% of the representations were medical experts and that the vast majority of those were opposed to it. The Scottish Parliament's Information Centre revealed that many doctors were concerned of the damage such a bill might cause to the public perception of doctors, who promise through oath to preserve and not to end life. [[scotsman.com, 19 June](#)] <http://bit.ly/9lQjii>

AIDS Can Be Stopped with "Values-Based" Approach: Vatican Delegation to the UN

While condoms are failing to prevent the spread of AIDS, the sick are left untreated

By Hilary White

ROME, June 17, 2010 ([LifeSiteNews.com](#)) – In a speech on Monday, the Vatican Ambassador to the UN said the focus in the global fight against AIDS needs to shift to a "values-based" approach that will change people's risky sexual behavior.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore also revealed that local health care facilities in developing countries are being instructed to turn away AIDS patients by international health funding agencies who have refused to fund anti-retroviral treatments. Migliore blasted these health organizations, accusing them of "silence and

indifference" as millions are left to die untreated. Most international health groups, such as the World Health Organization, remain focused on "prevention," which is essentially condom distribution.

But the Holy See delegation, said Migliore, "strongly recommends" that more international resources be dedicated to a "value-based approach" to prevention, centered on the "human dimension of sexuality." Such an approach would move towards a "spiritual and human renewal" and change dangerous sexual behavior. "The spread of AIDS can be stopped effectively, as has been affirmed also by public health experts, when this respect for the dignity of human nature and for its inherent moral law is included as an essential element in HIV prevention efforts."

In the few places, such as Uganda, where governments [have implemented](#) a "values-based" approach, promoting sexual abstinence and fidelity in marriage ahead of condom use, rates of new infections have significantly fallen. But in recent years Ugandan health officials [have said](#) that these programs have been effectively sabotaged by a U.S.-led international health community dedicated to the use of condoms.

The Catholic Church is responsible for the lion's share of care for AIDS patients in the developing world. But Migliore said that for these local providers there is a "gap in available funds for antiretroviral treatment among poor and marginalized populations." Migliore said that in countries such as Uganda, **South Africa**, Haiti, and Papua New Guinea, "international donors have instructed [health care facilities] not to enroll new patients into these programs." The health care providers are also worried about further funding cutbacks for those already being treated, he said.

"The global community carries a serious responsibility to offer equitable and continuous access to such medications." "Failure to do so will not only cause untold loss and suffering to those individuals and families directly affected by the disease but also will have grave public health, social, and economic consequences for the entire human family."

That condom distribution has failed to stop the spread of AIDS in Africa can be demonstrated by the continued rise in infection rates in countries that have been described by local health workers as "saturated" in condoms.

Migliore quoted the UN's own statistics showing that 7,400 people become infected with HIV around the world every day. Currently, nearly 4 million people around the world are receiving treatment for HIV. While 9.7 million are still in need of drug treatments, for every 2 who commence treatment 5 more become infected.

During the African Synod in Rome last year, attended by over 300 African bishops, a Vatican insider told LifeSiteNews.com that of major concern to Catholic health agencies in Africa is the difficulty they experience in obtaining anti-retroviral drugs.

The source revealed that "the attitude" of many of the international funding agencies towards those already suffering from AIDS "is just 'let them die.'"

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In March last year, when Pope Benedict commented to journalists that the distribution of condoms only exacerbates the problems that cause the spread of AIDS in Africa, the mainstream media went into a frenzy that lasted months. International health organizations [were joined](#) by politicians and homosexualist lobbyists around the world in condemning the pope. But the Church's stand against condom use has received support from [independent researchers](#) who have studied the problem on the ground.

Edward C. Green, director of the AIDS Prevention Research Project at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, has repeatedly [defended Benedict](#). In March last year, shortly after the pope's comments, Green said again that the evidence supports Benedict's assertion.

"There is a consistent association shown by our best studies, including the U.S.-funded 'Demographic Health Surveys,' between greater availability and use of condoms and higher (not lower) HIV-infection rates," he said.. [\[LifeSiteNews.com, 17 June\]](#) <http://bit.ly/blZuAG>

Quotation: "I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection". **Sigmund Freud**

Some strange, funny and thought provoking stuff received at BYC

The Four Goldberg Brothers

The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter. Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Semitic, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown.

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show --
Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

Blonde in First Class

A plane is on its way to Melbourne when a blonde in Economy Class gets up and moves to the First Class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket.

She then tells the blonde passenger that she paid for Economy and that she will have to go and sit in the back.

The blonde replies, 'I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Melbourne and I'm staying right here!' The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and co-pilot that there is some blonde bimbo sitting in First Class that belongs in Economy and won't move back to her seat.

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for Economy she is only entitled to an Economy place and she will have to leave and return to her original seat. The blonde replies, 'I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Melbourne and I'm staying right here!'

Exasperated the co-pilot tells the pilot that it was no use and that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman that won't listen to reason. The pilot says, 'You say she's blonde? I'll handle this, I'm married to a blonde, and I speak blonde!' He goes back to the blonde, whispers in her ear, and she says, 'Oh I'm sorry - I had no idea,' gets up and moves back to her seat in the economy section. The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss.

The pilot replied, 'I told her First Class isn't going to Melbourne.'



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4)

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IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

Proof-reading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

No really? You really think so?

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over

What a guy!

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

Paddy and Mick

Paddy and Mick are walking down a street in London .

Paddy happens to look in one of the shop windows and sees a sign that catches his eye. The sign said: "Suits 5.00 each, Shirts 2.00 each, Trousers 2.50 per pair". Paddy says to his pal, "Mick, look! We could buy a whole lot of dose and when we get back to Ireland we could make a forkin' fortune.

Now when we go into the shop, you be quiet, OK? Just let me do all the talking, cause if they hear our accent, they might not be nice to us. I'll speak in my best English accent."

"Roight y'are, Paddy, I'll keep me mouth shut, so I will," replies Mick. They go in and Paddy says, "I'll take 50 suits at 5.00 each, 100 shirts at 2.00 each and 50 pairs of trousers at 2.50 each. I'll back up my van and..."

The owner of the shop interrupts. "You're from Ireland, aren't you?"

"Well... Yes," says a surprised Paddy. "How der hell d' y' know dat?"

"Well, Sir," the owner replied, "this is a dry cleaners.

Church Bulletins! Thank goodness for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services: Nicky Strydom (Nee: McClure 82 – Matric 83)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference - includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.



TEENAGERS:

Teen-agers are the only people who can slam a revolving door!

A few teens think they know all about driving a car once they learn where the hooter is located.

Home is the place that teens go to refuel!

Challenged Parent of teens.

