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Happiness is not a goal; it is a by- product.

Eleanor Roosevelt, diplomat and author (1884-1962)

From the Rector's keyboard:

Dear Bosco-Link readers,

Many of our past-pupils will recall, as boarding pupils do...the food, and more especially the chef. A long serving member of staff, Mr Wilson (British) Khumalo died during the month. His funeral was held in the Savio Chapel on the 15th August with a large crowd gathered. He was the Chef for many years at Bosco seeing to the feeding of generations of Bosco pupils. In the early days, he was up at the crack of dawn to get the fire burning in the range for the breakfast and the day's meals. He saw the introduction of gas cooking, a blessing when the electricity was cut for whatever reason. A really loyal member of staff! May he rest in peace.

I receive a number of requests to join Face Book or this or that "face-book" clone...to be someone's friend! When I see the sort of information that I have to fill in I cancel. Just recently I read in the papers that criminals are using these websites to "case" their next "job", since so much information may be gleaned about people and their circumstances. Did I feel vindicated for not becoming a "Friend". Well in a way! But the main reason for me is that I spend so much time on the computer already...I really don't want to spend any more time than is necessary. I prefer to get out of the office and meet my friends in person. Shows you just how old I am!

Peace and Blessings

Fr Robert

Fr Robert Gore SDB

Just-1-Teenager, a BYC partner, is hosting a conference "Reviewing the Challenges of Life and Love @ Schools" on 24 September 2009, 08.30 to 16.00. Where: Morgan Centre, Bishop Bavin School, Bedfordview. Registration etc. www.just1teenager.co.za

Thanks to generous Past Pupils who have made significant donations towards the Salesian apostolate with disadvantaged youth. We are all most grateful for your concern and loyalty. God love you.

Some of the Groups through during August:

LoveMatters: St Matthew High (75)

Own Run Programmes: Varisty College (20); SDASM (200)

Weekend Retreats: St John the Apostle (50); St Paul's (8); St Theresa (27).

Day Retreats: Methodist Church; Lourdes Primary (90)

A FEW COMMENTS AND REFLECTIONS FROM LOVEMATTERS PARTICIPANTS

I learnt a lot about STD/Is and abortion. It taught me a lot about how people put their lives at risk and how careless we are.

I learnt many things but what really struck me was the presentation on STD's, contraception, etc. I mean I knew some of the things but it gave me more knowledge and in that it was an eye opener to me about sex.

If he loves me he will wait for me, when people laugh at you because you are a virgin tell them that if you wanted to be like them you can but they cant be like you.

The most striking thing I learnt is that life is too short, I must always thank God for the parents I have. I must choose the right friends.

It will help me to make informed choices and to abstain.

I learnt that life is not a joke and its not a game, also the 10 keys to success

This week I learnt a lot of things like: to accept myself, to be committed in whatever I do, to respect, love others and also to discover who

Community News:

1. The Salesians in Southern Africa held an Assembly in Cape Town from the 4th August to the 6th August inclusive. We gathered to discuss topics related to our ministry and planning for the future. Quite a few of us hit the road for an all night drive to and from the wet Cape. This way we were able to avoid the expense of staying over, and not to miss too much time back at Bosco. But it was a tiring experience. Our guardian angels were taking great care of us on the road!
2. Women's Day was celebrated at Michael Rua School with a meeting about the future of the school as a High School. Entertainment and a meal were provided.
3. Our young Salesians on a break from their studies in Nairobi, returned to Nairobi on the 11th August. Bro's Marko and Tumelo spent some of their time with us here at Bosco.

BOSCO CENTRE NEWS

1. Gena Mar from USA, spent two months on the YMT. She left on the 29th August for home. We hope to have some feedback from her shortly.
2. During August two more volunteers have arrived from the USA...Christina Shakour from our Salesian Sister (FMA) organisation, and Dianne Marshall from the SDB volunteer movement in the USA. They have arrived for a full year's service here on the YMT.

LIFE ISSUES

- The Mexican state of Yucatan has become the 14th Mexican state to introduce pro-life wording into its constitution. The move was in response to the decriminalisation of abortion on demand in early pregnancy in Mexico City in 2007. The added wording reads: "The state of Yucatan recognizes, protects, and guarantees the right to life of every human being, expressly affirming that, from the moment of fertilization, he comes under the protection of the law, and is to be treated like a human being that has been born for all corresponding legal effects, until his natural death, with exceptions already foreseen in ordinary laws." The final phrase allows for abortion in certain circumstances under existing law. [LifeSiteNews.com, 16 July] <http://is.gd/1KztH>
- The president of Slovakia has signed into law a bill that would inform women of the dangers of and alternatives to abortion, require parental consent before a teen can get an abortion, and furnish women considering an abortion with information on the development of their unborn child [LifeNews, 26 August] <http://is.gd/2DzaQ>
- Secondary school nurses should be free to administer the morning-after pill to help cut Scotland's teenage pregnancy rate, according to a sexual health doctor. A spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland responded: "The morning-after pill is like the equivalent of putting an ambulance at the foot of a cliff instead of putting a fence at the top." [Herald, 26 August] <http://is.gd/2zdOB>
- Repentant Hollywood screenwriter to make film about Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Catholic Church has declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the official patroness of the unborn [LifeSiteNews.com, 25 August] <http://is.gd/2zfCt>

- A survey of Canada's obstetricians and gynaecologists has found that more than half do not perform abortions, and more than half of these doctors do not do them due to their personal beliefs [LifeSiteNews.com, 19 August] <http://is.gd/2pHh2>
- The president of Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic school, says he will close the college before it gives in to an Obama administration ruling forcing it to provide contraception coverage in its insurance plans for employees [LifeSiteNews.com, 17 August] <http://is.gd/2pHIG>
- The average age of women giving birth for the first time is increasing worldwide but remains lower in the U.S. than in other developed countries because of the nation's higher teen birth rate, according to a report [[MediLexicon](http://MediLexicon.com), 14 August] <http://is.gd/2o7H6>

Worry looks around; Sorry looks back; Faith looks up.

Some strange, funny and thought provoking stuff received at BYC

Do you suffer from superstitions about the number 13? Here's a snippet of information to rattle your cage!

When Pope died he was 85 years old: $8 + 5 = 13$

The time of his death was : 21:37 : $2 + 1 + 3 + 7 = 13$

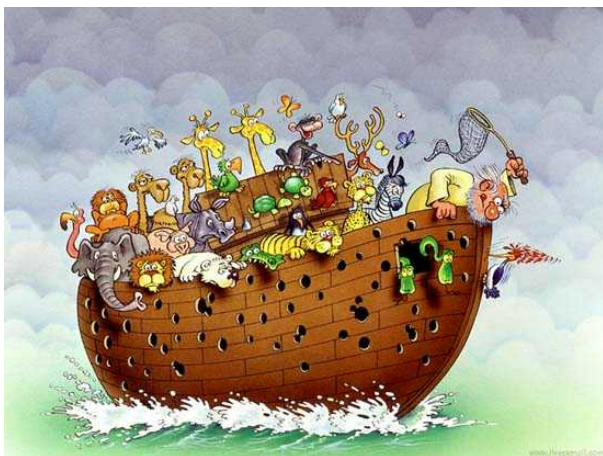
The date of his death was : 02.04.2005 : $0 2 0 4 2 0 0 5 = 13$

He was assassinated on May 13th

9301 days that's how long he was a Pope -> $9 3 0 1 = 13$

He passed away in the 13th week of the year.

JAN PAWEL DRUGI / John Paul II - 13 letters



Life isn't about
waiting for the storm
to pass...
It's
about learning to
dance in the rain.

New Stock Market Terms – so only accountants may understand this:

CEO - Chief Embezzlement Officer

CFO - Corporate Fraud Officer

BULL MARKET - A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius

BEAR MARKET - A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING - The art of buying low and selling lower.

BROKER - What your financial planner has made you.

STANDARD & POOR - Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST - Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT - When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

MARKET CORRECTION - The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW - The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR - Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse

PROFIT - an archaic word no longer in use.

A MEMORY BANK

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he manoeuvred his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window. I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

'Mr Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.'

'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied. Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged ... it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it.

'It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.'

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories! Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing. Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply....
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

**People want the front of the bus,
The back of the church and
The centre of attention.**

Have a nice day, unless you already have other plans.



DIRECTIONS

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle. "Awww, come on... you don't even know the way to the Post Office." ▲