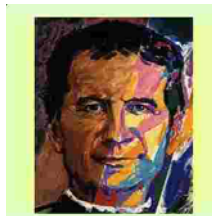


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## Love matters at the United Nations

At the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commission on the Status of Women held at the United Nations in New York, Collaborators from South Africa together with Fr Tom Brennan and Sr Bernadette (all pictured right), presented a Salesian project from South Africa – Love Matters founded in 2001, is a sexuality Education Program with a special focus on the prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS. It is designed to form peer leaders and encourages positive peer influence and behaviour management.

Khanyisile and Breven spoke of the development and purpose of the program. Charl spoke of its ability to be replicated in other places and of his work in Swaziland and Sr Montanya spoke of its implementation in Lesotho.

The presentation was well received and people preceded their questions with compliments for the work being done. The enthusiasm and dedication of our young collaborators made a big impression on all and they were asked if they would replicate the program in 4 other countries. *And so ...*



From left to right: Charl Domingo, Khanyisile Tsiane, Breven Clarke, Fr Tom Brennan SDB, Sr. Cecelia Motanya FMA, and front: Veronica Barrios and Sr. Bernadette FMA.



## Pam Stenzil Visits Bosco

Having met four Love Matters team members at the conference at the UNO in New York, Pam (pictured left) expressed her desire to visit Bosco Youth Centre in Randvaal. **AND SHE CAME...** seen centre with some of the Love Matters Team.

Anybody listening to Pam in action is completely bowled over by her enthusiasm about helping young people make the right choices today.

Abstinence Advocate and Recognized Youth Expert, Pam Stenzel grew weary of hearing the phrase, **NOBODY TOLD ME!!** After years of counseling young girls who found themselves in crisis pregnancies, Pam began to realize that so many were completely unaware of the risks involved with sexual activity, and that many had never been told about all the consequences of their choices. That was the inception of Pam's life as a speaker, but Pam Stenzel's story started years earlier.

In 1964 a fifteen-year-old girl was raped, became pregnant, and decided to carry her unborn child to term. Five months after the baby girl was born, in an act of courage and love the young mother provided her child a better environment by giving her to an adoptive family. That child was Pam Stenzel. She is the oldest of 8 children... 7 adopted... 1 biological, and her extended family includes 38 adopted children in all. *Want to read more – go to Page 2.*



Pam had full media coverage in Manzini Swaziland

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