

Pam Stenzel tours South Africa!

Father Francois Dufour SDB writes about Pam, an internationally respected expert on sex, love, and relationships, made a whistle-stop conference tour of the SACBC region last week and spoke to over 6000 youths in 5 days.

Under the title "Sex Has a Price Tag", Pam addresses audiences worldwide, and is so much in demand she is booked up three years in advance, speaking to over 500,000 teens a year. She became a Catholic in 2002 when together with her husband she was received into the church. Her mission is to revive the character and integrity of today's youth. She reminds us that we have already got a long term solution to the HIV/AIDS pandemic; it is as simple as ABC. Abstinence until marriage; Being faithful once married; and Chastity for all. The Southern African tour started with a youth rally on Pentecost Sunday at Bosco Youth Centre, Gauteng with a programme, which included praise & worship, testimonies and an outdoor mass. Pam addressed a crowd of approximately 450 for 95 minutes, non-stop, keeping everyone riveted to their seats all the way through, and delivering an immensely powerful message. She had just completed a fortnight's tour of conferences in Nigeria, and arrived exhausted from Lagos on a flight that very morning, but did not let her weariness show.

The following day, after a quick tour of Soweto, Pam spoke for an hour and a half at Robertsham parish, to parents, catechists, teachers, priests and religious, and a group of thirty students from St Johns College, about Teenage Relationships, sexuality and Family issues.

Then she travelled to Manzini in Swaziland where on the Tuesday, a large gathering of approximately 4,500 pupils from a dozen high schools,

gathered at the Bosco Arena for a whole day program. National papers gave the event front page coverage with photos and articles. National Swazi TV news gave it a lengthy report too.

From there to Cape Town where she gave two more conferences at Immaculata School in Wynberg and Savio Hall in Lansdowne on Thursday, both times to at least 500-strong captivated audiences. As a bonus, listeners had a curtain raiser in the form of the professional theatre group, Mad Dogs and Englishmen, who performed a support act at each of the appearances during the tour.

This exceptional tour was co-sponsored by **Metanoia Media Ministries** and the **Salesians of Don Bosco**. Audio-visual records of it will soon be available from Norman Servais and should be a very useful resource for any catechetical centre and youth chaplaincy.

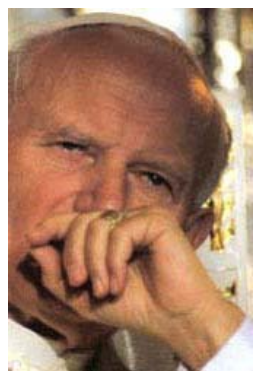
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Pam with enthusiastic listeners from Waterford College, Kamhlaba



The Bosco Arena in Manzini was filled to capacity with 4500 scholars



“Pause before the tabernacle by yourself, for no special reason, even without saying a word, simply remaining in Christ’s presence, contemplating the supreme gesture of Love contained in the consecrated Bread.”

“Whoever reflects on the history of the Church with eyes of love will discover that despite the many faults and

shadows, there were, and still are men and women everywhere whose lives highlight the credibility of the Gospel.”

“Jesus is living next to you, in the brothers and sisters with whom you share your daily existence. His visage is that of the poorest, of the marginalized...Jesus’ dwelling is wherever a human person is suffering because rights are denied, hopes betrayed, anxieties ignored. There, in the midst of humankind, is the dwelling of Christ, Who asks you to dry every tear in His Name, and to remind whoever feels lonely that no one whose hope is placed in Christ is ever alone.” JOHN PAUL II

This photo is of Fr John Thompson SDB, newly arrived from the USA after spending 29 years as a missionary in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

He has joined our province and will be working in Swaziland.

With him is Carla Cabrita, past volunteer at Bosco, teacher at WaterfordCollege, Mbabane. She organised, with Br Victor, the Manzini event for Pam.

