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## Innovating to transform

The educational task constantly demands new ways of noticing and thinking, new conceptions, new directions and many questions about the concepts and meanings about what teaching and learning is, trying to build a new dimension of education, in which depends the development of a nation.

When observing the list of countries with the higher human development index (HDI), we notice that practically all of them are great inventors and producers of new technologies. On the list of countries with highest GDPs in the world, including Brazil, there are already several countries that are not great producers of technologies and collected their richness basically from the export of commodities. A difference that seems clear from these countries is the inherent dependence of a good educational system.

During a good part of our history, we have created tech-

nologies without depending on a deep knowledge about nature and its phenomenon. However a drastic change happened in our ability of creating new technologies, when the scientific production or the world knowledge produced by science became sophisticated that allowed new technologies could be derived almost directly from scientific discoveries. That's the dependence between the production of technology and good educational systems, because good scientists cannot be formed without a good education.

To become a great country that produces technology, we also have to be great producers of knowledge. In these terms, one of the pillars in any high quality university is to have a teaching staff able to produce knowledge.

Another relevant point is the interaction between universities and companies – something

very usual and natural in developed countries, where scientists and entrepreneurs work together and, in many cases, scientists and their students become their own entrepreneurs and create their own companies.

To instigate this healthy synergy between universities and technology basis companies is that UCDB created the S-INOVA Biotechnology and the Agency S-INOVA innovation and enterprise, presented in this edition of UCDB newspaper. Besides this innovation, we present materials about Dom Bosco Museum of Culture, extension projects, as Labinter, and request that help the population, as the Woman Health Project, and others.

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# Physiotherapy Academics take part in services to women at Clinic-School

*Preventive monitoring is free and open to the public*

EDYELK DOS SANTOS

Physiotherapy academics from 7th and 8th semester at Dom Bosco Catholic University (UCDB) perform free services at the Clinic School, through the program “Women’s health”, coordinated by the teacher Débora Zanutto Velasques. Consultations are offered to women who need monitoring in gynecology area (urinary problems), oncology mammary (breast cancer) and obstetrics (pregnant women), in order to improve physical conditions through preventive programs and specialized according to the needs of each one. It’s also the time for academics develop in practice the skills learned in class, under the guidance of the teacher.

“Practicing this activity is essential for the academic to understand that is necessary to have that contact, as well as women to realize the importance of this preventive monitoring”, said Deborah. To the academic Fernanda Assad Barauna, 20, this activity is essential.

“The experience we have here in the Clinic with patients is very important, not only helps in our development but we can see closer what the reality and needs of each one are”, she said. Since 2010 this activity is coordinated at UCDB by the teacher Deborah, who has specialization in Women’s Health at the State University in Campinas and saw the needs of developing the program with her academic students. “We perform exercises with pregnant women during and after pregnancy in order to prevent incontinence related to childbirth, besides we realize physical therapy session to relieve all and any discomfort”, explained the teacher. For those who go through a breast removal surgery due to cancer recovery, sessions are realized, since women stay for a long time without raising their arms and then loose the movement, or they move them with much pain. “All the exercise we do with patients after their surgery causes a significant recovery in

their treatment, not only in matter of health, but also in self-esteem”, said the academic Talita Santos de Arruda, 24.

Letícia Arantes Rosa, 35, is one of the patients meeting at the place. She is attended at UCDB clinic due to a breast removal surgery. “My surgeon recommended that I looked for a physiotherapist and through a friend I discovered the Clinic. In three months of involvement, I already noticed a big change. An example

is the fact of becoming more independent”, reported Letícia. The medical appointments are realized on Wednesdays, at 9:30, and on Thursdays, at 1:30 p.m., at the Catholic School Clinic, situated on 6000, Tamandaré avenue, Jardim Seminário. People interested in knowing more about it or make an appointment, call the number (67) 3312-3705.



In the attendances, women are oriented by academics, under the supervision of the teacher Deborah Velasques



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## “ St. John Bosco is a modern and always young saint ”

**Dr. Gildásio Mendes dos Santos**

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: What's the importance of Don Bosco for society?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: Don Bosco is profoundly human and profoundly saint. He is a creative, innovator and enthusiastic educator and founder. Don Bosco is the saint of joy. When he was a child, he learned how to play, do magic tricks, play the piano, work in different kinds of creative jobs in that time, such as theater, and relate with others in a friendly way. Don Bosco was a young man who knew how to make great choices in hard times. He knew how to place God and the service for others in his life. We can say: a happy saint; that is why he is so friendly and present.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: Don Bosco liked education and technologies in his time. What can you mention about his pioneering, and how this influence up to the present?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: Don Bosco learned the value of doing things with depth and simplicity. He learned that we can do the best, be a human, Christian and happy person. For this reason he chose education – education as a better way to bring people closer, especially young people. He brings young people closer to take them to meet themselves, with a God who loves them very much, and to give meaning to their lives serving others. Don Bosco is one of the greatest genius of education and one of the greatest geniuses of humanity.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: Why?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: Because he knew how

to join great inspirations, deep and sincere faith, constant work, goals to accomplish and a big sense of serving others, especially the most in need. Don Bosco is an educator, Salesians Congregation founder, writer, communicator, churches builder, spiritual guiding, priest, saint of the church. In the name of God, he knew how to love and teach the young people love and be loved. For this honest and truthful relationship in the name of faith, he became reference of father and friend for young people and, through education, he knew how to place the young in front of big horizons of life. Besides being a deeply figure rich in human and Christian values, he showed the way to other people grow. Don Bosco is always contemporary. Don Bosco communication rises in this horizon of educational vision. He wrote books, started the newspaper publishing for young people; promoted drama, music, print media, and others.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: When do you say he was an educational genius, what can we mentions as an example of this message he left for the educators and young people?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: Don Bosco had a wonderful, loving and close mother, example of faith for him. Orphan of father from an early age, he learned from his mother heart the art of living and loving and working with discipline, focus, determination and purpose. He teaches us that the education begins at home, in the family, in the love of family. After that, he started learning practical things. He was bootblack, he started working with wood, he learned how to play music, he started doing ordinary activities of that time: reading, writing, sports, catechesis and studying hard. So, he is the model that education is enthusiasm, effort, and putting the gifts in the service of others.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: What is education for Don Bosco?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: Education is involvement and enthusiasm. Education is to be proactive in everything in life. Naturally, he creates an educational method from that, when he puts three fundamental pillars in his education: love, reason and religion. These three pillars of education make a person in its integrality. God is important in education, as well as love is important. It's important to talk, understand the human being, which is reason. That's why Don Bosco's educational system, Preventive System, is always new, attractive and universal. The Salesians work in more than 140 countries in five continents. This energy and the solidity of the young's saint educational system are a great richness. You can see how many people in Mato Grosso do Sul, for example, were trained in Salesians institutions, their contribution in the scientific, cultural, artistic, educational and religious world.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: When we talk about 200 years, it seems something distant. But, in contrast to it, we see that Don Bosco is very actual. So, how do people can live these days what Don Bosco taught for a long time?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: If we look at Campo Grande, Dom Bosco is present in the Salesians, since Dom Boscoschool and FUCMT, that formed generations of leaders in the society today. Many youths received and still receive, for example, a Christian education in parishes, oratories, social work, media. Don Bosco is celebrated in history of people who had a salesian life. Don Bosco is celebrated, in his 200 years, in the education he left to us: to believe in humans, believe in God, do good, live the joy he talked a lot. Then, the contribution that Don Bosco sons give to the world of education, with schools, universities, research, anthropological study, building of Dom Bosco Cultural Museum, human development, indigenous studies, and others.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: And what the MSMT is preparing in special for this year?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: In the last three years, the Salesian Mission has already been preparing for the bicentenary, in what it was depth the question of pedagogy and spirituality. Education conference, art and photographic exhibition seminars. Father Osmar Bezutte and I produced a double CD about Don Bosco, videos, publications were produced, including the book of Dr. Father Afonso de Castro; conferences, seminars, exhibitions were performed, in presence of 120 years of the Salesians and other activities. All the communities are realizing some specific work for the centenary: UCDB is building a church for the campus, Primavera do Oeste (MT) is building a church dedicated to Virgin Mary Help of Christians.

**UCDB NEWSPAPER: What do Don Bosco inspire us to live?**

Fr. GILDÁSIO: The great crisis of humanity today is the crisis of deep and true joy. It means a humanity crisis. That's why Pope Francis, who is a very wise person, wrote a letter entitled "The Gospel Joy", in which he noticed that the joy is a big question of the human being latterly. Don Bosco is the Saint of Joy. He makes us think today what are the truly source of joy: joy of living in peace with ourselves and with others, to have an ideal, to have a reason to live, a dream to come true, a compromise with life, with the values that build a family, human relationships, the work, justice and solidarity. Joy that gives its meaning for the existence; joy that makes us live healthier, with more serenity and gratitude. The joy that we can radiate for the others that worthwhile exist, the joy that also has a sense of solidarity to the others; and a joy that rises, especially of God and the service for others.



## UCDB receives a new master group of Erasmus Mundus

*Five students of the International Master will make researches and traineeships in Brazil.*

LARISSA RHANELLY

On March 2nd, the Catholic University Dom Bosco (UCDB) welcomes officially five exchange students from International Master Program Erasmus Mundus in Sustainable Territorial Development.

As a result of connection with the Universities Pantheon-Sorbonne Paris 1, Padua University of Studies and Louvan University, located in France, Italy and Belgium, respectively, the project aims to share experiences and knowledge through the meeting of cultures. By these means the program suggestion is provided

to students two years of exchanging among four associated universities. They need to spend one semester in each country and induct a new academic class and, during this period, to attend workload and compulsory school subjects training. At the end of the third term, the students have to choose a last integrated country to the end of the course, which consists in taking part in a traineeship and, at the end, the dissertation.

People interested in these opportunities, in all the beauty and history with Brazilian friends in Europe, the Slovenian architect

KatjaMajcen, the Romenian economist NadjaKadri, also followed by the French economists Céline Hélias and Jonathan Maimi, and along with the Armenian ParuyrAbrahamyan chose Brazil for this last stage of International Master degree. In the first three weeks, the goal was to introduce the place and begin the basic studies for adjustment. During these days, they had Portuguese and methodology practical classes and also decided about their mentors and traineeship places. Apart from that, they walked around Campo Grande and knew all the touristic attractions of MatoGrosso do Sul. They went to Bonito and visited the Indian village and museums.

Now directed, the master's students traveled to their traineeship places divided into São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Rio Grande do Sul. The secretary of the International Master Program Erasmus Mundus, Renato Diacopulos, explained

the needs of the academic distribution "Once we had some associated partners that provided this compulsory traineeship for them in this state. Today we don't have that anymore, and as we needed to direct them to the labor market, we suggested union with other companies in other states." Among the selected companies, the project organization chose, for each student, that one with the profile or the topic they intended to develop in their essay. The case of KtjaJajcen was similar to the others exchange students: "I have founded in Rio de Janeiro a research group with the topic similar to what I have already chosen, we are setting everything and making a deal." The return of the students is estimated to September 3rd, when they will present, at the virtual UCDB class, their essays in a shared video with all the others partners Universities closing, then, the program. But the participants made it clear that, if the visa allows and appears job offers, they stay here.

## Technological innovation and entrepreneurship are focus of “S-INOVA”

*Partnerships to researches are going to be achieved*

JAKSON PEREIRA

In order to support the innovative entrepreneurship based on science and technology, by means of partnerships between private companies and governments, the Catholic University Dom Bosco (UCDB) has instituted this year the Agency of Innovation and Entrepreneurship “S-Inova.”

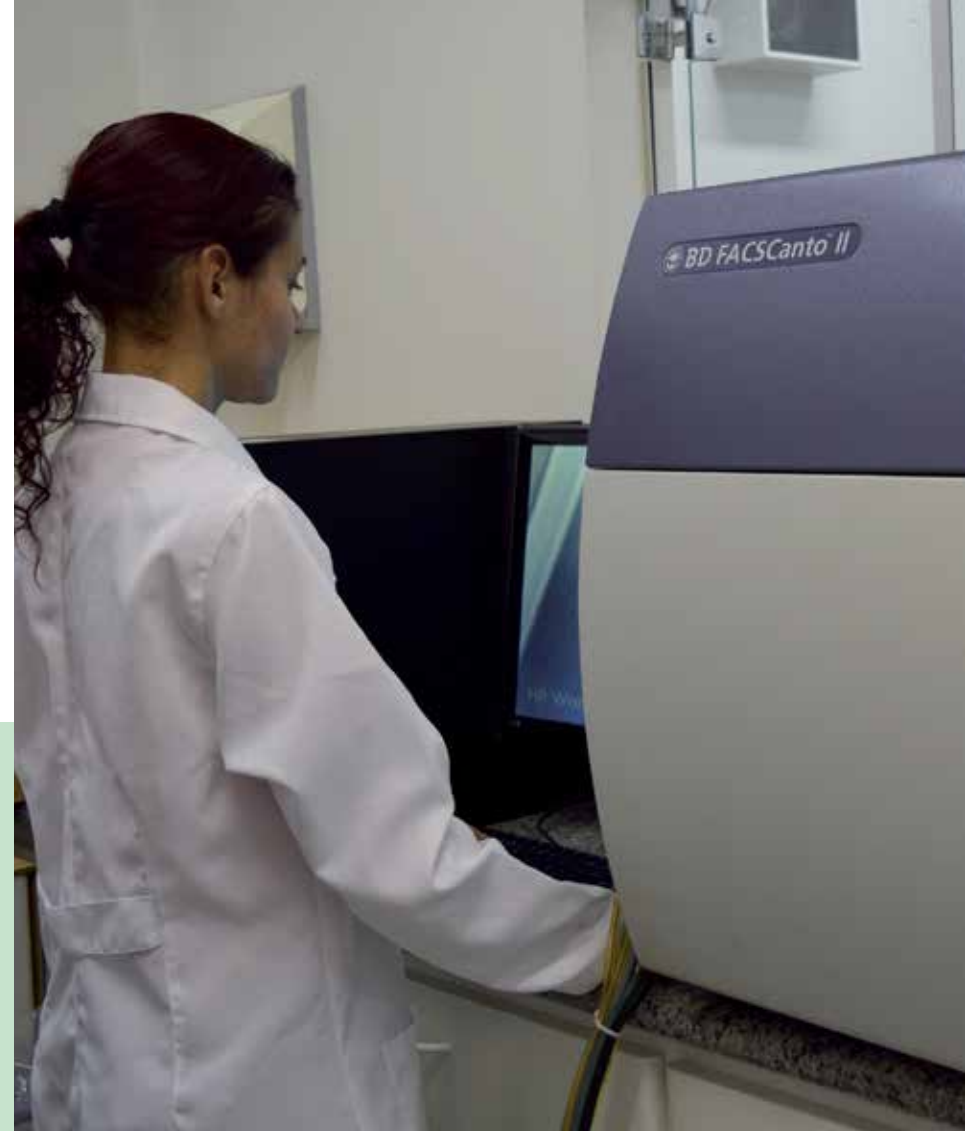
The agency will be divided into three sections: projects that are responsible for analyzing and adapting innovative proposals from the academic community and society; technological innovation, which will look after part of the development and Technologies of transfer; and entrepreneurship, in order to encourage the emergence and the development of new companies and innovative projects.

The headmaster of the University (UCDB) Fr. José Marinoni, celebrated the birth of a promising ‘embryo’. “It is the fulfilling of an old dream. I’m sure that this agency will become an important technological center, It is our main goal” Said Marinoni while he was remembering that it is an opened process for all. “Let’s innovate together with our private audience, but open to general community” He said.

Professor Dr. Ruy Caldas is the director of “S Inova” and he points out that the UCDB’s initia-

tive is an enormous advance for the institutional and local development. “It is an important process because, the information agency is an internal organization of the University that deals with the relations between our academy’s potential and its transformation into products, processes and services” said Ruy, that is also a visiting professor of the Master’s level program in Biotechnology of the Catholic University Dom Bosco.

According to the director, innovations happen all the time, but it is necessary to search for partnership to perform with. “Our goal, at the moment, is to search for partnership with the private sector and with the government. The innovations from all around the world take place in the “Triple Helix”, which means that there are three key players: On one side, we’ve got the government, which gives us support to innovate and research, we also have the academy giving support in technic scientific knowledge; and we have the private sector where the innovation actually happen. I mean, basically, the “S Nova” is an internal organization that will allow this joint effort of government, companies and university becomes a reality, which is a very difficult thing in Brazil. Indeed, we do not have a culture of organizing these three entities of the Triple Helix”, said



Ruy Caldas.

Last month, on a visit to the governor Reinaldo Azambuja, the Rector of UCDB Fr. José Marinoni, and Professor Dr. Hemerson Pistori, Pro-Dean of Research and Graduation Studies, accompanied Professor Ruy, who introduced him to “S Inova.” “I have tried to pass it on to all my contacts that this initiative is a great opportunity because UCDB, as a private institution, has more flexibility, an agile management, which can speed up the process of interaction with properties generator sector, so that, we create a culture of innovation, which is very important in the formation of professionals that the market needs. This initiative by UCDB may contribute a lot to business and government, which can often invest, but usually get stuck in bureaucracy processes and must seek for partnerships, that are exactly what we are offering”.

### SPECIALTY AREAS

The “S Inova” agency is available to receive and develop projects in all the areas. “I can have innovations in the social area, they are known as social technologies, which are very important. We have innovation in every way, in the greatest sectors. Of course, in the beginning, it is really important to start with what is most concrete, in which society perceives more, but we are open to discuss and evaluate the different projects gestated in UCDB and partner institutions”, said the professor. “I admit that we have in the state a great potential in some areas, for example in the information technology area linked to agribusiness. The state has a thriving agribusiness, there is a great demand of technology for agribusiness competitiveness to support information technology, and we also have, in parallel in the State a number of small businesses that need this innovative environ-





Edge Equipaments, as flow cytometer, are available for academics, master's degrees and doctorates from S Inova.



A technology to improve agriculture and livestock of MS, are included in the researches in progress.



Professors and students researchers that are part of the agency's projects already.

ment where they can do their activity connected with the demands of the market and the technical and scientific support "The state has a thriving agribusiness, there is a great demand for agribusiness competitiveness to support information technology, and we also have in the State, a number of small businesses that need this innovative environment where they can do their activity connected with the demands of the market and the technical and scientific support "evaluated.

The new agency will also be of fundamental importance to researchers of the program in Biotechnology. "It will be given a major boost in the biotechnology program, which has a great opportunity to

interface with the private sector and the government. Surely then, there are other areas that we can work in agriculture in general, with the Animal Science and Veterinary courses, which are areas that have a great potential for innovation."

### BIOECONOMY

Professor linked to Capes partnership / FUNDECT, Ruy Caldas has extensive researching experience in the national and international levels. The researcher points out that, when he was consulted about the "S Inova", He started mapping the areas where the agency can act and

the development of the first projects aimed at important areas such as bio-economy and family farms.

"At the state level, big programs are already being discussed and certainly the University will be able to collaborate a lot with government initiatives and local businesses. The first one is linked to the bio-economy of the state, in other words, the economy based on products derived from living system is one of the key programs of the State Government. Another program is related to family farming, and our contribution was in helping to add value to the products of the 60,000

families settled in the state, which is a very great challenge posed by the governor during a meeting we had. But it is important to point out that the University won't make anything alone, but all the institutions of education, research and innovation state. Clearly, having already consolidated this environment of "S Inova", we can collaborate a lot with this government effort. One of the points on our side is that we are being private agents, so we have more flexibility than public area; this way we can collaborate with public managers who need effective results at least in the medium term, "he added.

# The government and UCDB consider a partnership to amplify Dom Bosco Culture Museum

*In the new expanded facility, they will keep natural science items*

JAKSON PEREIRA

Dom Bosco Culture Museum, founded in 1951, is ready to take one more step in its history. The place has had part of its building in da Nações Indígenas Park since 2003, when an agreement with the State Government was settled. The project will have been concluded at the end of this year and an investment of about R\$ 5 mi will have been spent. Nowadays, the place has one of the most important Indian collections of the world and it is also intended to create a large space to exhibit the natural science items. A meeting between Dean Fr. José Marinoni and the Governor Reinaldo Azambuja, validated the project. “We’ve got the great opportunity that is to conclude the cultural circuit of the city, and we can do it here, at Nações

Indígenas Park. We are going to have “Aquário do Pantanal” (Pantanal Aquarium) and “Museu das Culturas” (Culture Museum). Beyond the museum that already has a wonderful space, we will also have a new area to complete the project. “I allowed my officers to research for funds to conclude this building” said the governor. “A place that yearly receives millions of people needs to get special attention, that’s why we are going to research for partnerships with public authorities and the private sector” concluded Azambuja. A visit of the vice rectors of UCDB, and professors: Conceição Butera (teaching and development) Luciane Pinho de Almeida (Extension and Community affairs) professor Hemerson Pistori (Researching and Post-Graduation); The MS



Fr. Marinoni and Governor Reinaldo Azambuja visited the place at the beginning of the month

Court of Justice’s President, The Associate Judge João Maria Lós; The President of State Public Ministry Humberto Brittes; and the Secretaries of state Eduardo Ridel, Jaime Verruck, Ednei Miglioli, and the CEO of the “TVE” TV channel, Bosco Martins, was done and the Dean highlighted the importance of expanding the building. “Both the Aquarium and the Museum are part of the culture and they will be available to the population.

I hope that now, joining strengths, we might conclude this expanding project of Dom Bosco Culture Museum. The governor was clear when he said to the secretaries to agree with UCDB, so now, it’s necessary to search for resources and carry out the project”, said the Dean.

## HISTORY

Dom Bosco Culture Museum was formerly named Museu Dom Bosco and it was idealized by Mato Grosso Salesian Mission and formally inaugurated on October

27th, 1951, aiming at education, developing and leisure of adults, teenagers and children.

Throughout its existence, an enormous and varied collection was formed thanks to the salesians’ labor and dedication. Félix Zavataro, Cesar Albisetti, Ângelo Jaime Venturelli, João Falco and recently laypeople as Emília Kashimoto in the Archeology area, Aivone Carvalho in the ethnology and Liane Calarge in the Paleontology and Mineralogy área, are also responsible for the succes of the project.

During its sixty years, the museum went through many stages and was held at different places. The first one was inside Dom Bosco’s facility. In 1978 its rich collection moved to Barão do Rio Branco street and stayed there for 20 years.

The extensive collection of indigenous culture objects material, Dom Bosco Museum was also known as the Indian Museum.

Since 1996, the Museum is managed by the Catholic University Dom Bosco and since 2003, it is in Nações Indígenas Park.



# communication

## Dean of Pastoral had a meeting in Rome

Br. Gillianno José Mazzetto de Castro, Dean of Pastoral of the Catholic University Don Bosco (UCDB) and Provincial Delegate for Social Communication of the Salesian Mission of MT, participated in the World Social Communication Consulting, held in Rome, Italy.

In the four-day program, Salesians, delegates and social communication experts tried to develop activities in the various realities of the Salesian animation, and focused on reflection and debate on two themes: Training of the Salesians to the media and

the reality and the future of Salesians Publishers.

Fr. Filiberto González Plasencia, General Councillor for Social Communication (CS), of the Salesian Congregation, was the responsible for coordinating the work.

"They were intense days of hard work, and I believe we can make our contribution to the advancement of these two themes," said Gillianno.

### RESCOM/CONAC

Since last year, Ir. Gillianno is responsible for the Salesian Mission communication and he is



Salesian participants of the World Social Communication Consulting

also the president of the National Council for Social Communication (CONAC). The Council aims to think, approve and supervise "macro" processes of the Salesian Communication Network (RESCOM), which is part of the Salesian Network Brazil (RSB).

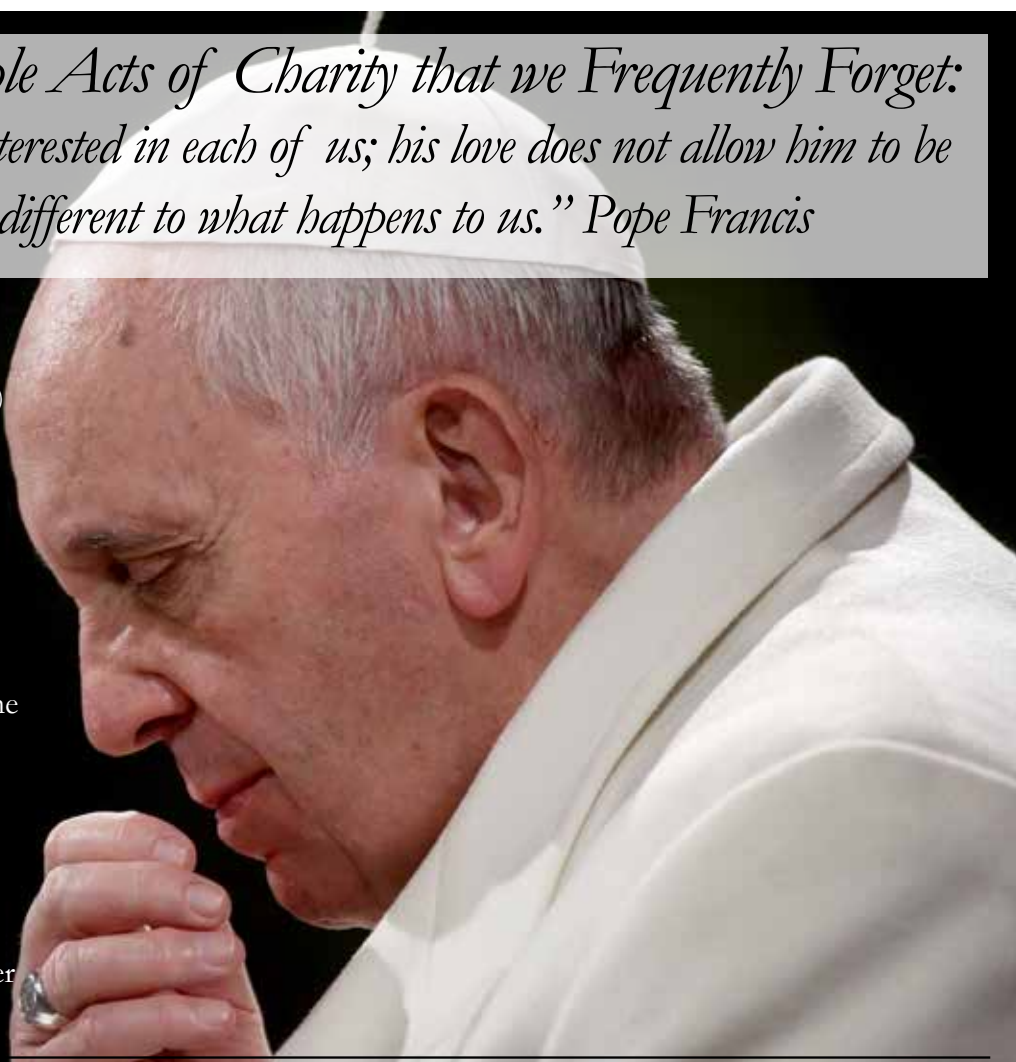
"As president of CONAC, I believe that the first objective is to give assistance to the commu-

nicative processes of the Salesians in Brazil in order to help them reach their educational and pastoral scope, so the communicative-informative means may really develop as a way for the people formation. Do all this, respecting the peculiarities of the vast regions of Brazil and also seeking sync networking," he said.

## PASTORAL MOMENT

*15 Simple Acts of Charity that we Frequently Forget:*  
*"He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us." Pope Francis*

1. A Smile! A Christian is always full of laughter and happiness!
2. Always be thankful (even when you don't "have to")
3. Remember to tell others how much you love them.
4. Greet people you see every day with a smile.
5. Listen to someone else's story with love, not judgment.
6. Stop to help. Be aware of who needs your help.
7. Notice details.
8. Celebrate other people's success.
9. Pick out what you don't use and give it away to someone in need.
10. Help out when it's needed so others can rest.
11. Correct others using love, rather than fear.
12. Lift someone's spirits.
13. Clean up after yourself at home.
14. Help others overcome obstacles.
15. Speak to your parents over the phone or through other means.



# VALUABLE PROFESSIONALS

People Management/UCDB

The labor market is increasing its demand and professionals too.

We live in a time in which the labor market is active, with many opportunities in all the areas and it has become common to find professionals with doubts about what job to choose, what company is the best and generally go for the one where wages and benefits are more attractive.

But we should not pay attention only to attractive salaries and solid benefits packages, we must be alert to the organization's values, the culture, the workplace atmosphere and look inside of us and verify that the individual values are consistent with the reality of such company.

This movement is necessary and required in job-decision making. We observe diseased individuals by the lack of job satisfaction accomplished, exhausted and tired to do what should bring pleasure. I understand that the word work

has originally emerged from the word “tripaliun” which means suffering, but these days the job should mean achievement, satisfaction and joy at being able to contribute with something.

In this sense, the search for self-knowledge is necessary to understand and know yourself deeply and it assist a lot in the learning process, and so the construction of the professional who you will become in the near future, the search for self-knowledge leads to the professional development and consequently personal development, making it you become a valuable professional for yourself and for the labor market.

“ There is no point in complaining about the problems. We must roll up our sleeves and do our best to eliminate them. ”

Don Bosco

## TIPS OF BOOKS



**TÍTULO: MÉTODOS E CULTURAS ALTERNATIVAS NA AGRICULTURA FAMILIAR (2.ED.)**

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“Métodos e culturas alternativas na agricultura familiar” is the theme of the book published by nine professors, two from Catholic University Dom Bosco, by the Publisher of the Institution. The book gathers the following articles: - Family Farming and plurality – Medson Janer da Silva – The manioc culture – Medson Janer da Silva – The pragues of the manioc culture - Antonia Railda Roel – The “cará”, yam and ginger - Manoel Marcos Martinez – Organic Fertilization - Roza Maria Schunke – Agroforestry Systems (SAFs): alternatives of sustainable production to Family farmer – Reginaldo Brito da Costa - Alternative managements of the soil - César Augusto Costa – Aspects related to milk production - Luís Carlos Vinhas Ítavo e Camila Celeste Brandão Ferreira Ítavo - Mastitis control in dairy herds - Luís Carlos Vinhas Ítavo e Camila Celeste Brandão Ferreira Ítavo – Breeding hillbilly chicken - Alfredo Sampaio Carrijo e Giovanna Padoa de Mene-

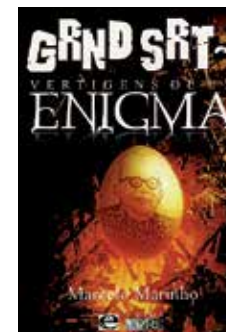
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**VERTIGENS DE UM ENIGMA**

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The so-called “romance-rio” considering its multiple possibilities of reading, to this great literary work by Guimarães Rosa, Grande Sertão: Veredas is profoundly analyzed by the Doctor of Comparative Literature by Sorbone Nouvelle (France). Marcelo Marinho analyzes the metalanguage used by Rosa, and points out that his literary work is in fact a big to-be-discovered-enigma-text, in which the universe of the “sertão” (hinterland) is a metaphorical representation to the universe of the language art. The hero Riobaldo (or Riobardo, R[osa]iobardo, poet) struggles alongside with Drumão, Dos Anjos, Odorico Mendes against Hermógenes or the arbitrary sign (in reference to Plato and Saussure). Otacília (the trophy or the literary premium) is the great motivation of this war of bards. What about the pact?





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### LIKE DON BOSCO, WITH THE YOUNG, FOR THE YOUNG!

#### Part II

4. WITH THE YOUNG, FOR THE YOUNG especially the poorest

4.1 WITH THE YOUNG being with them and among them

We say WITH THE YOUNG, brothers and sisters of our Salesian Family, because the starting point for our making flesh and blood (INCARNATING) the Salesian charism is by our BEING WITH THE YOUNG, being with them and among them, being in contact with them in their daily lives, knowing their world, loving their world, encouraging them to be the protagonists in their own lives, reawakening their sense of God, helping them to live with high aims.

The world of the young is a world of possibility. In order to be leaven in this world we have to know and appreciate in a positive and critical manner what the young appreciate and love. The challenge to our mission among the young is linked to our prophetic ability to read the signs of the times, as we said earlier about Don Bosco; in other words, what is God saying to us and asking of us through these young people with whom we are in contact.

This challenge begins with our having the ability to listen and having the courage and the daring to enter into a dialogue that is "horizontal," without entrenched positions, without considering ourselves 'a priori' in possession of the truth. When we take up the position of the «apprentis» we learn a great deal about them and about the image of the Church we are incarnating for them. Young people with what they say, through their presence or their 'indifference', with their replies and their absence, are demanding something from us. And also the

Spirit within them and through them is speaking to us. We never emerge from an encounter with them unscathed but rather mutually enriched and stimulated.

4.2 WITH THE YOUNG showing them our special pastoral love

And we say WITH THE YOUNG because what fills our hearts from the time of the vocational call of Jesus that each one of us has received is the special pastoral love for boys and girls, youngsters, young men and women; a special love that will show itself in us as it did in Don Bosco, as a real 'passion', seeking what is best for them, putting into this all our energies, every effort and every last breath we have.

Our communities, whatever Family group they may belong to (whether they are communities of religious, communities of prayer and commitment, communities of witness...) should seek to acquire "visibility" among the young in their own locality. This visibility requires discernment, choices and self sacrifice. Above all it means generosity in service, joyful, friendly relationships, in a community project of prayers, gatherings and service. More than that it needs an "open house policy", with a variety of initiatives for bringing people together and with proposals that respond to the problems that young people in the local area have. Who knows whether the young people appreciate the value there is in being able to avail of a "Salesian house", being able to count on a group of friends. Being really significant will demand that our communities experience a healthy tension, which leads on to enquiry, discernment and the making of decisions that have to be constantly assessed, prayed about and confirmed in fraternal life and pastoral practice.

4.3 FOR THE YOUNG especially the poorest

On different occasions I have said that when Pope Francis talks about going to the peripheries, addressing the whole Church, he is challenging us in a very real and direct way because he is asking us to be present on the peripheries with the young who are there, cut off from almost everything, excluded and without opportunities.

At the same time I want to say that as the Salesian Family

these peripheries are something typically our own, because the periphery forms an integral part of our Salesian DNA. What was Don Bosco's Valdocco if not the periphery of a large city? What was Mornese if not a rural periphery? We need to make sure our examination of conscience as individuals and as the Salesian Family sees us facing up to the strong demand from the Church, which in its turn is part of the essential nature of the Gospel. It will be necessary to question ourselves about being with and for the young, especially the poorest, the needy, the excluded.... But it will not be necessary to decide where we ought to be going, 'our pole star' because it is among the least, the poorest, those who have the most need of us that the most characteristic feature of our charismatic identity is to be found, and it is against this charismatic identity that we need to measure ourselves in order to find our place, our way of responding today to the mission, in the "here and now."

4.4 FOR THE YOUNG because they have the right to meet role models of believers and adults

It is constantly becoming ever more evident that our service to young people, to a large extent consists in being role models of believers and adults to look up to. Young people are looking for and want to meet up with good Christians who are also "normal", people they can not only admire but also imitate. In this as in other areas of their lives "under construction", they need to be able to see themselves reflected in others, they want to find their own identity and learn to live their own faith but by "contagion" (through a life witness) rather than by indoctrination.

It is for this reason that our pastoral activity cannot follow a uniform, one-directional model, given that the circumstances of adolescents and young people are so varied. Especially for us men and women educators, this has very serious implications such as being ready to "lose one's life" giving it up for the Kingdom, accepting poverty, austerity, a sober lifestyle as a freely chosen pastoral approach at personal and community level, always putting

in the first place people, encountering them and being of service to them.

4.5 FOR THE YOUNG for whom a personal encounter will be the opportunity for them to feel accompanied

Working with and for the young always has been and is not only a privilege of being in contact with people who are alive, filled with potential, with dreams and freshness ... but, above all, it is an opportunity that is given to us to walk with them in returning to Jesus in order to make our own his life and his message, without filtering out its radical nature, without trying to avoid its uncomfortable challenge to our scale of values and our way of living. We are convinced that the Gospel, today as always, has all the potential of being listened to, heard and accepted anew as Good News in the world of the young.

In this being listened to and accepted, the Gospel presents us with the challenge of committing ourselves decisively to the personal encounter, personal spiritual accompaniment in which every Salesian educator, man or woman, can propose pathways, suggest choices. Following the example of Don Bosco, we have a great need for men and women educators open to something new, ready to innovate, experiment, to take the risk of being personally genuine witnesses in the lives of the young. We are being asked to approach them individually, spontaneously, showing genuine interest in "the things they like" without presuming to invade their personal space. A form of accompaniment that is based preferably on a positive and affectionate respect for the other person, and one that should take the form of a role of "facilitating", "appreciating" and "guiding". When we talk about undertaking "processes of education to the faith" these consist not so much in bringing into young peoples' lives something from the outside, as in helping them to throw light on their deepest inner selves where God dwells, and to develop the potential and the capabilities that they have within themselves. It is a matter of accompanying them in their lives, helping them to dis-

cover their deepest inner identity and their plan of life.

4.6 FOR THE YOUNG because the young, especially the poorest, are a gift for us

It was the Rector Major Fr Juan E. Vecchi who wrote that "poor young people have been and still are a gift for us." [14] And we certainly cannot think that Fr Vecchi was defending poverty. But it is certain that if we are with them and among them, it is they who first of all are good for us, who evangelise us and help us to really live the Gospel in what is the most typical feature of the Salesian charism. I make bold to say that it is the young, boys and girls and especially the poorest and those most in need who will save us, helping us to emerge from our routine, from our apathy and from our fears. Often we are more concerned with maintaining our own securities than opening our hearts, our ears and our minds to what the Spirit may be asking of us.

For their sake and in their presence we cannot escape the urgent demands that from the youth situation itself are knocking on our door. We collaborate through our manifold works and services in promoting welcoming the young, listening to their silent cries: young people alone, victims of violence, with family squabbles, with emotional wounds, confused, with suffering and sorrow. The Good News urges us to listen to and to accept without pre-conditions their needs, desires, fears and dreams. Likewise it urges us to help them regain their ability to keep on searching, their indignation in the face of opportunities that being closed to them are empty promises: to encourage them to dream, to promote action, to collaborate, to seek a better society. To accept "God's embrace" as a gift, learning to weep with Him and to smile with Him.

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