



St. Don Bosco

Myanmar, known as Golden Land of Burma, was graced with the presence of the relic of St. Don Bosco, which had been on tour all over the continents in celebration of the 200th years of his birth. The statue with relics within arrived at Yangon on the 11th of April and was venerated until the 30th of April, 2011. On the 14th, he was brought to the north of Shan State to be honored by the Salesian families. At Pyin Oo Lwin, the statue was placed from April 18-27.

During the visit of the relic of St. Don Bosco, the Salesian fathers (SDB) also ordained the five deacons to the order of priesthood by laying on hands of His Grace Bishop Chales Bo and His Grace Bishop Paul Grawng at Annisakhan, Pyin Oo Lwin. It was a rare privilege for them to have such ordination in the presence of St. Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesian family.

The faithful of Mandalay were blessed with the visit of St. Don Bosco on the 27th of April. At the parish of St. Joseph, La Phone, the relic of St. Don Bosco was venerated by night and day. A huge crowd gathered in honor of his holiness and in praising God for his special care and love for the youth. A procession of his statue followed around the Church and along the main street.

On the way back to Yangon, the statue of St. Don Bosco was dropped by at the FMA house, Chanthagone. The parishioners were so happy to have him unexpectedly for veneration and prayers. The presence of such a holy saint meant a lot for the faithful. The devotees offered flowers and prayers with never ceasing tears of joy.

Once in his lifetime, St. Don Bosco wanted to come and serve in Myanmar, at the place of Inwa. However, his strong desire to do missions in Myanmar was not realized for his spiritual director did not encourage. Now his dream and mission come to reality. Long live, St. Don Bosco!



St. Joseph Parish, Mandalay



FMA Sisters' House Chanthagone

Don Bosco was widely venerated..



Chanthagone



Procession in Mandalay



Children Camp from April 11-18, 2011

Thingyan, Burmese New Year celebration or water festival, is the most popular holiday in Myanmar. Taking the advantage of the availability of the children, PMS director, Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS, has taken the full responsibility of the children camp for faith formation of children in the Archdiocese of Mandalay. For the third time, it was held at the shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary from April 11-18 under the guidance of Fr. Bernard Taylor, MS.

Conference of Religious of Mandalay (CRMdy) took in charge of the programs and of giving instructions of the children during the 7 full days. About 630 children and 70 caretakers from 23 parishes came to that faith formation summer program. That was held at the shrine of Our Lady of Holy Rosary, Chanthagone, in the diocesan level.

Though accommodation for that big number was not an easy task, the shrine was able to give an atmosphere for prayers and worships. Both main foods and snacks were served for free. Half of the transportation fees were reimbursed. For it was a big crowd, and for they were children, aged from 8-14, it was very hard to control.

The program was eye-opening that children were able to learn new things and experience the faith life by knowing and sharing with other children. They were also given a chance to develop friendship and communication skills. Thanks to Fr. Bernie, MS for his supports and guidance!



Sessions at Big Social Hall



Group Photos

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Children Camp Photos



Water festival



Way of the cross



Outdoor Games



Sleeping Quartar

Marian Procession