

Where is your life energy coming from?



Dear friends and confreres!

In most of our EAO Salesian communities the birthday of each Salesian is a wonderful occasion of thanksgiving and family celebration. So we have more reason to celebrate on February 13, 2016 the Birthday of our Region! **Exactly 110 years ago** a small group of six missionaries headed by Fr. Louis Versiglia reached Macau - China and started the first Salesian presence in 'our part of the world'. May this historical remembrance of the first EAO foundation – arrival of the first missionaries to China, Macau - on February 13, 1906 inspire us for greater fidelity to the vocation and mission received from God!

The **51st International Eucharistic Congress** was concluded by Cardinal Charles Bo, SDB just yesterday in Cebu. Many events were shared by the Filipino Salesians day by day through the AustraLasia news. This Eucharistic event helped me to reflect on the central place of Eucharist in our life and mission. We humbly recognize the '**Eucharistic life deficit**' (Fr Chávez, 2007-ACG 398) in many of our provinces and communities.

What does is the **Eucharistic life deficit** mean? We prefer to be busy, hiding ourselves behind doing so much for others and we deprive ourselves of the wonder of knowing that we are so much loved by God! How is beating the Eucharistic heart in our life? Could the people around us recognize our frequent encounters with Christ - Eucharist as the source of our energy and endurance in our mission for the young? If the Eucharistic heart is alive in us, we would always find the way how to share Jesus with the young who never met him. Yes, our Eucharistic heart can be measured by our missionary lifestyle. Love for the Eucharist sends us towards the poor youth and those who never met Jesus!

I wish, the cover photo of '*Globe-Tabernacle*' helps us to reflect personally and in our communities about the Eucharistic life as the fundamental element of our charism and pedagogy.

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