



SMV

Salesian Missionary Volunteering News Update

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So much news for SMV!

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Dear friends of SMV,

One of our visions when we first sat down a few years ago to discuss our dreams for SMV, was to create a network of those involved in SMV that could support, discuss and connect with each other. As we reflect, particularly on the past year, that network is alive and well. Thank you to each and every one of you for your contribution to that network. We only hope that it grows and strengthens and most importantly, the impact of our connectedness is reflected in our SMV!

We have a new Rector Major, we have a new Council. It is a wonderful time to think about where we have been and where we are going. We encourage you to do the same at a local level. Thank you as always dear friends and colleagues for your work and passion for SMV.



Marco, Pavel, Rafa, Chris, JC, Adam and Lauren

ONLINE FORMATION - FORMATION PRACTICES FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are happy to invite SMV coordinators and others involved in SMV to listen to some presentations of Provinces involved in the preparation of volunteers. We will also have the opportunity to dialogue, share and learn mutually.

English language: 12th May, 10:00am, Italian time,
Spanish language: 13th May, 5:30pm, Italian time

To register for the meeting, [please fill out this form](#).

SMV RESEARCH FROM VIETNAM

Recently we received news regarding a research paper prepared by Ann Nhu Ngo that looks at the Heart-in-Hand-Salesian Volunteers of Vietnam. This valuable research looks closely at Salesian volunteering in Vietnam and we encourage you to read it on [our website](#).

Urgent Request ETHIOPIA

Recently we emailed our network with a very important volunteer request from Ethiopia. We ask all of our volunteer organisations to please consider this request to help Ethiopia rebuild after an incredibly turbulent time.

More information about the site in Shire can be [accessed here](#) and more information about Adwa can be [accessed here](#).

Important Request SMV SURVEY

Just a friendly reminder to please fill out a survey that will help us with our future strategic planning for the SMV Advisory Team. We have achieved so much in these past few years thanks to your collaboration so please keep sharing your insights with us. Thank you for helping!

<https://salesianvol.org/program-survey-activities-engagement/>

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