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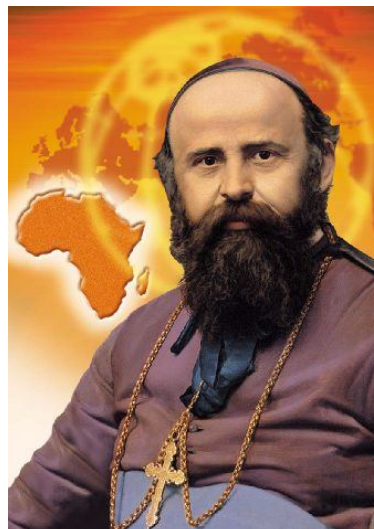
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The *Comboni Missionaries* are an international Congregation of over two thousand priests and brothers working in thirty-five countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. Following in the footsteps of *Saint Daniel Comboni*, they bring the Good News of Christ to the most unfortunate and disadvantaged people in the South of our world.

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**Dear Readers, Friends and Benefactors,**

## **2006 A YEAR OF CONTRASTS**

In November we saw the arrival of the EMMA MAERK, the greatest Santa Outfit ever, which unloaded 45,000 tons of Christmas knick-knacks at Felixstowe to be sold in all the supermarkets of Britain. While, in Malawi, Madonna's visit there and her adopting a child -not without controversy, highlighted the plight of 1,000,000 orphans who have lost Mums and Dads to the ravages of AIDS, MALARIA and TB. In the villages of Malawi, where there is no electricity and no TVs, people have little idea who Madonna is, nor for that matter who the world's great singers and celebrities are. The village is home to all its inhabitants. In Malawi, when you say you are going home, you say you are going to the village. It is there we try to help the village to meet the needs of these orphans. Then again, we witness the horrendous killings in the Middle East. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims. Nothing will bring the dead back, but we pray that our Lord will forgive and give them eternal rest. We have learnt too, that every time we switch on a light, turn up the heating or travel by plane or car we are adding poison to the air we breathe as never before.

So, this Christmas, there are quite a number of things to reflect upon. We remember especially that Jesus, Our Saviour, was born outside his home and Mary and Joseph fled with him to Egypt. As we celebrate his birth among us, we pray that the troubled parts of the world will experience peace, and that we find a solution to the problems besetting our environment. It is a time too, to appreciate family values, sitting down as a family, eating, chatting and praying together.

## **OUR COMMUNITY IN CARMYLE**

Fr Peter McGinley is recovering after a fall and a spell in hospital but apparently he also has shingles: that is painful. We pray that this affliction will soon pass. Fr Anthony spent two weeks in Benbecula and enjoyed the hospitality of the good Parishioners there. Brendan McLarnon would like to thank all who came to the Novena Mass here in Carmyle. He will write of his experiences of the pilgrimage to Limone in our magazine. Brendan wrote to tell us that every time he thinks of Glasgow he will think of that night, the gracious company and all the wonderful friends. Fr Donato, our superior, is busy with his work for Justice and Peace as well as keeping in touch with our Asylum Seekers.

## **MISSION APPEALS 2006**

We have finished the Mission Appeals in the Deaneries of St Margaret and St Joseph (Galloway Diocese), St Michael's (Diocese of Argyll and the Isles) and Airdrie (Motherwell Diocese). We take this opportunity to say how happy we were to renew our acquaintances with you and we welcome too, our new readers and friends. We thank our Bishops for permission to make the appeals in their dioceses and all the priests who granted the appeals in their Parishes and made us very welcome, especially with so many commitments in these busy times. Readers, we thank you for your letters, your response to the inserts that will benefit our Missionaries and the people we serve and for whom we care. We remember too the zealous work of our staff and helpers who are ever ready to prepare the mailing of our magazine and inserts, as well as organizing the different events. Let us be united in prayer.

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### OPEN DAY DVD AND MISSIONARY ROSARIES AND BOOKLETS

While in Italy on his holidays Fr. Donato spent two days in Milan visiting his brother Antonio, who had been filming the Open Day events. Fr. Donato made a DVD of some 90 minutes covering the talk by Sr. Aurora, the Mass with Fr. Alfred, the reception, the annual draw and the dances of the African choir. **If you would like a copy of the DVD please fill in the slip of this Newsletter.** Each DVD plus postage costs us some £5,00. If you want to contribute more, the proceeds will help poor children to attend school, especially those in South Sudan. The **Missionary Rosary and Booklet** included are now available at £.3,00 + postage.

### SCHOOLS WITH A MISSION

Holy Cross High in Hamilton is linking with projects to support a secondary school in South Sudan. We Comboni Missionaries are fully committed to rebuilding the war torn nation now that peace has come at last. In South Sudan there are many primary and secondary schools that need assistance. If other schools are interested in a direct way they could contact the Procurator in Nairobi at this e-mail address:

**ssadmin@wananchi.com**

We, Frs. Donato, Sean and Sr. Aurora would like to take this opportunity to thank the staffs, parents and students who made us welcome so warmly and kindly in the Secondary and Primary Schools we visited.



*We, the Comboni Missionary Community of Carmyle, Frs. Anthony, Charles, Peter, Sean and Donato thank you for all your support during the year and wish you and all your dear friends a very happy and Holy Christmas full of peace and love*

*We remember you especially  
in the Midnight Mass at  
Christmas Eve*

*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year*

