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Blessed Daniel Comboni
Africa, Joseph, Mary & Jesus.

Dear Friend,

Greetings to you in the Lord !

We Comboni Missionaries are coming to you with this issue of **COMBONI MISSION** and would like to give you a short update about the result of our **Open Day**, of the summer youth activity and of the work done with the group of our collaborators.

However, before going into the above mentioned points, I would like to let you know that, thanks be to God, and to the London Province, Carmyle Community has been blessed with the arrival of **Fr. John Clark**.

a warm
Welcome
to you
Fr. John
Clark

He is a native of Sunderland and has worked in Brazil. He now comes to us from Dublin where he has been for the last four and a half years.

With the collaboration of Fr. Anthony, he will be taking up the work of the mission office and mission appeals.

Fr. Francis, instead, will be working more specifically doing missionary awareness work with schools, parishes and groups.

The programme will be continued in co-operation with the Comboni Sisters.

During the summer , three Comboni Students of theology from Elstree - Herts were with us in Carmyle for their '**working holidays**'.

GLASGOW OPEN DAY of 29th June 2001

Our “**Open Day**” took place on 29th of June in Carmyle. It was a great success and the result of a very positive collaboration between the Comboni Missionary Fathers and Sisters and Lay Collaborators, with a very joyful and fruitful participation of our friends, adult and youth. The presence of our three scholastics from Elstree and the two young Comboni Sisters studying English created a very positive atmosphere and impact on all our friends and students.

The **COMBONI MISSIONARY EXHIBITION “Whom shall I send?”** set up in collaboration, MCCJ-CMSisters, was very much appreciated by all. Its itinerary was: ***“The Holy Spirit Protagonist; Our Mission in the World: the Scottish Combonis; Arts from the Mission; Priorities and Challenges of the Mission; the Scottish Lay Collaborators; the MCCJ/CMS Formation; Youth; Vocation and the Magic Box of called People”***. Our five Scholastics and Sisters got immediately involved and our friends expressed deep appreciation for their ‘life experience’.

The Holy Mass, with its world-wide touch and songs revealed the richness of its missionary dimension. The Draw and a well prepared buffet by our collaborators concluded the feast. The exhibition remains still open to people and youth.

MEETING OF COLLABORATORS

Two meetings of collaborators have taken place in Carmyle after the Open Day. The first was on 5th July and the second on 9th August.

During the first meeting the group tried to give an overall evaluation of the Open Day and of the Raffle/Draw starting from its early preparation in March until the very day of the feast.

The group acknowledged the good cooperation existing among MCCJ-CMS and Collaborators in discussing, sharing, planning and implementing the planned activities. This co-operation was the very reason of the excellent outcome of the Feast. Suggestions for improvement and possible long term planning were given for the coming year 2002.

During the last meeting, instead, an evaluation was given by the Comboni Students about their summer work with People, Parishes and Youth. They tried to lay the bases for a possible missionary ministry with Youth through the co-operation of Link-persons and the Young People themselves. They said that:

*“Convinced that a “collaborative ministry strategy” is the best approach in our situation, they set out to meet youth and link persons in the ranks of youth animators, teachers, care-workers, university students, parents and junior and high school level students. The plan is to see these link-persons and the young people develop into a basic “**Youth Animation Team**”. We have also been able to encourage some young people to realise their talents and put them to use as they continue to search for the areas of mission in their parishes, open to a world wide mission”.*

The meeting went on discussing about the co-operation in the preparation and mailing of the present issue of ‘COMBONI MISSION’ magazine, the content of the present insert, the planning for the distribution of the MISSIONARY CALENDAR 2002 and other issues.

FEAST WITH THE RELATIVES
of the Scottish Comboni Missionary Confreres
Friday 12th October 2001, 7 30 p.m.

This was already proposed in February when the Open Day for Scotland was shifted from October (Feast of Comboni) to June (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus).

On 12th October then, there will be the celebration (Holy Mass and buffet) with all the relatives of our **Scottish Comboni Confreres**. We look forward to a good *‘Family participation’*

COMBONI MISSIONARY SISTERS
In Baillieston

At the beginning of September the Comboni Sisters will mark their presence in Baillieston, in the former house of the Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers) situated within the boundaries of St. Paul’ Parish – Shettleston.

Thus, we will have two Comboni Communities in the Deanery of *Eastmuir* (Glasgow), one of Fathers/Brothers (Carmyle) and the one of Sisters. This will certainly be beneficial for a future work of Mission awareness both in the mentioned area and beyond it.

THE RAFFLE/DRAW - 29th June 2001

Though the proposal and the decision to have the raffle at national level for Scotland came as a surprise, it was anyway welcomed with favour by the Scottish Friends and Subscribers of Comboni Mission Magazine.

It was this very warm welcome that brought it to a very positive result through the close cooperation of everybody and in particular of our closer collaborators.

Friends have cooperated a lot by providing the various prizes. Except for the 1st prize, all the others were provided by them (You). The overall result of it was really substantial and netted about £5000 profit.

Names of the Raffle Winners

1 st prize £ 500	Mrs M. Rafferty - <i>Cardonald</i>
2 nd prize TV/Video Combi	Mrs M. Crawford - <i>East Kilbride</i>
3 rd prize CD Radio Cassette	Mrs I. McMaster - <i>Hamilton</i>
4 th prize Lady's Hairstyle £ 30	Mrs F. Bell - <i>Uddingston</i>
5 th prize Bottle of malt	OMrs B. Jamieson - <i>Glasgow</i>

6 th prize Wrist Watch	Mr. F. Bradley - <i>Glasgow</i>
7 th prize Wrist Watch	Mrs A. Mitchell – <i>Peterhead</i>

and many others extended to the same draw were given.

Finally:

***We Comboni Missionary Community of Carmyle:
Fr. Charles Duffin, Fr. Anthony Wolstenholme,
Fr. John Clark and Fr. Francis Chemello
keep you always in our prayers
and wish you all God's blessings***

"Trust in God!... because God and Jesus Christ are so little known and loved. If Jesus Christ were truly known and loved, then the mountains could be moved... have a strong and resolute trust in God, Our Lady and St. Joseph.

(Blessed Daniel Comboni: Writings 7062-63; The man and his message 192)