



**Istituto Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice**

*Salesiane di Don Bosco*

Mary Immaculate Province - SUO  
San Antonio - Texas (USA)

# SALESIAN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF  
THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

*Thank you for collaborating in our mission of providing Christian education and formation to the young, especially the poor and women at risk.*



## **Appointed by the Pope**

Mother Yvonne Reungoat, F.M.A, former Superior General of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, is one of three women appointed by the Pope to the Vatican Dicastery for Bishops. This is the first time women have been appointed to the Dicastery responsible for identifying future bishops globally. Serving along with Mother Yvonne will be Sr. Raffaella Petrini, Franciscan Sister of the Eucharist (F.S.E.), Secretary General of the Governorate of the Vatican City State; and Dr. Maria Lia Zervino, President of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations. [Read more...](#)



### Celebrating Our Jubilarians

Nearly a total of 500 years of faithful loving service was celebrated on July 16, 2022, by eight of our Sisters at San Juan de los Lagos Parish in San Antonio, TX. Sr. Assunta Sanchez headed the jubilarians with 70 years of religious life, followed by four diamond (60 years) jubilarians: Sr. Martina Ponce, Sr. Claudette Germain, Sr. Edna Mary MacDonald (Australia), and Sr. Pierrette Carpentier (Canada). The youngest group celebrated their golden jubilee of 50 years: Sr. Juanita Chavez, Sr. Celine Lomeli, and Sr. Salome Moe. [Read more...](#)

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# DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Services will be live-streamed  
on the Salesian Sisters West  
Facebook page

## ROSARY

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 PM (CST)

## MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Thursday, July 28

10:00 AM (CST)



### **SR. RITA FANTIN**

NOVEMBER 10, 1929 - JULY 20, 2022

### **Remembering Sr. Rita Fantin, FMA**

Our dear Sr. Rita Fantin passed away on July 20th. She was 92 years old with 73 years as a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians. Sr. Rita had a beautiful sense of humor, a joyful spirit, and, a deeply compassionate heart. [Click here for more information on funeral arrangements and her complete obituary.](#)

Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

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# Salesian Family



The Salesian Family Fun Fest will be on **Saturday, August 6th from 10 AM - 2 PM**. We will begin with Mass at 10 AM, followed by games, entertainment, food trucks, and a whole lot of fun for all ages! We hope you can join us as we celebrate 150 years of the foundation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians! [Learn more](#)

Location: St. John Bosco School (5630 W. Commerce St., San Antonio, TX 78237)

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You are invited to make a positive impact by participating in our 3rd annual **Summer Sweepstakes**! The funds raised will help us with the medical care of our elder Sisters and enable us to replace our walk-in refrigerator and freezer at our Provincial House, which is 30 years old. **You will receive 6 chances to win in the sweepstakes when you donate any amount!** The winners will be drawn on August 6th at our Salesian Family Fun Fest. Winners do not need to be present and will receive a gift card of their choice from Amazon or a local retail or grocery store in the following amounts:

1st Prize: \$500 / 2nd Prize: \$250 / 3rd Prize: \$100

[Click here to enter now](#)

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# Celebrating VOICATIONS



Please join us in praying for our Novices Sr. Shaila Mathai, Sr. Claire Ramos, and Sr. Valeria Jimenez as they prepare to commit their lives to Jesus as women religious, making their First Profession on **Friday, August 5, 2022, at 10:30 AM**. Sr. Theresa Khong is making her Perpetual Profession as a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians on that same day at **4:00 PM**. You can join us for the live-stream service at our [Salesian Sisters West Facebook Page](#). Thank you for praying for and supporting religious vocations.

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You are invited to make a positive impact in our mission as we prepare for our 150th-Anniversary celebration. You can donate items from our Amazon "wish list", offer a monetary gift, or sponsor a meal for our Sisters at our Provincial House. [Here is the link to our "Amazon wish list"](#)

To donate a meal, groceries, or other in-kind goods to our Sisters, contact:

[dma@salesiansisterswest.org](mailto:dma@salesiansisterswest.org) or call 210-431-4999

[Or click here to donate now online](#)

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## Summer Ministry Highlights





*"You are our collaborators in whatever is to be done for the glory of God."  
- St. John Bosco*

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