

## Praying for Salesians in Formation

*Please keep in prayer*

### Br. Eduardo Chinchá

Born in Lima, Peru  
22 years old  
Philosophy & Post Novitiate



Br. Eduardo grew up in a Salesian Parish in both Peru and Port Chester, NY. He began an official discernment process after he attended NCYC, a Salesian Come and See Retreat Weekend, and Life Camp where he felt God present at all times. Br. Eduardo is very passionate about soccer; he likes to play and follow up with professional leagues and FIFA.

## Vocation Seeds

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Hansoo Park 416-968-0997

[vocations@vocations.ca](mailto:vocations@vocations.ca) or [www.vocationstoronto.ca](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca)

## Iraqi Refugees in Syria

Iraqis residing in Syria have been denied entry into neighboring countries and remain in limbo. Iraqi refugees who fled the war in Iraq now face another conflict: the uprising in Syria. Below is SNAPSHOT: SYRIA, as published by CNEWA Canada, a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support.

Syrian Capital: Damascus  
Population: 22.5 million  
President: Bashar al-Assad

## The Uprising

- Protests started in March 2011, calling for the end of 40 years of Ba'ath Party and Alawite rule
- The army is using deadly force against protestors
- The opposition Free Syrian Army formed in July 2011
- The Christian minority fears sectarian violence like that in Iraq
- As the violence worsens, Pope Benedict XVI is calling for peace and to support our brother and sister Christians in Syria and the Middle East

## Refugee Crisis

- Almost 370,000 refugees have fled Syria for Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey
  - 75% are women and children
  - About 1.5 million people are internally displaced
- Source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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*For current Catholic updates  
on the plight of refugees in the Middle East go to:*

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/fact-finding-mission-reports/findings-recommendations-syrian-refugees.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/fact-finding-mission-reports/upload/Middle-East-Delegation-Trip-2.pdf>

## REFUGEE FAMILY WISH LIST

As we pray and hope for the safety of our Iraqi Refugee Family, now in Syria, we continue to prepare for their eventual coming to Toronto. To date, the resettlement committee has scouted out places for them to live; however, nothing has been secured because of the uncertainty of their arrival date.

Heartfelt thanks to those parishioners who have donated or purchased home furnishings and household items. Your help with outstanding items is greatly appreciated. We also begin collection of clothing. Kindly refer to the lists below and share it with friends and family.

## FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Contact: Kay Selecky ~ 416-674-1064

[kselecky@rogers.com](mailto:kselecky@rogers.com)

1 new queen mattress	dish soap
1 twin bed with new mattress	paper towels
3 dressers	dinner napkins
4 night tables	forks and spoons
1 computer desk	toothbrushes
3 lamps	shaving cream
3 twin blankets or more	disposable razors for men
1 queen blanket	disposable razors for women
1 queen comforter	hand/body lotion
2 twin bed sheet set	toilet paper
1 queen bed sheet set	boxes of tissue
1 area rug	deodorant
1 sofa chair	
coat/clothes hangers	

## CLOTHING

We are accepting gently used clothing and new footwear.

Contact: Meaghan Gallagher ~ 416-741-4418

	Age	Shirt Size	Pant/ Skirt Size	Shoe Size
Husband	57	XL	46	9
Wife	52	14	14	6.5
Daughter	31	14	14	7
Daughter	20	16	16-18	8.5
Daughter	11	10	9	7

## Office for Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto (ORAT)

ORAT, the Office for Refugees' staff members and volunteers have numerous years of experience helping refugees. The Office's main focus is the Civic (Private) Refugee Sponsorship Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto, which has been in operation for over 30 years. Just in the last year ORAT submitted applications to bring over 250 refugees to Canada, thanks to the help of parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese participating in the program.

ORAT works to bring refugees from overseas to Canada all the while fostering a sense of community within the Archdiocese, as parishes and religious orders are asked to work together to help newcomers integrate into Canadian society.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** ~ Special Christmas envelopes are in the pews today for those who do not use Sunday Envelopes.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2012**



**Monday December 24  
Tuesday December 25  
Wednesday 26, 2012**

**Monday December 31  
Tuesday January 1**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**\$1,250.00 Capital Campaign**

**SEWING CLUB**

**\$500.00 Maintenance of Church  
\$500.00 Capital Campaign**

**DAUGHTERS OF MARY**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 following the evening Mass.

(Please note that the first Tuesday is New Year's Day!).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

There will be a general meeting this Wednesday, December 19, (note change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday for this month) beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm followed by the General Meeting.

**Perpetual Adoration  
Christmas Schedule**



<b>Monday December 24</b>	Chapel closes 12 noon
<b>Tuesday December 25</b>	Chapel opens 2:00 pm
<b>Wednesday December 26</b>	Chapel open as usual
<b>Monday December 31</b>	Chapel closes 12 noon
<b>Tuesday January 1</b>	Chapel opens 2:00 pm

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY OFFERING** \$7,539      **AVERAGE ENVELOPE DONATION** \$13.89

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 17**

8:00am Frederick Lever  
by Ruberto & De Melo families

**Tuesday, December 18**

10:30am Mass at Kipling Acres  
7:30pm George & Luisa Imbrogno  
by Mario & Lidia Imbrogno

**Wednesday, December 19**

8:00am Favours rec'd ~ Our Lady of the Snows  
by Theresa McIntosh

**Thursday, December 20**

8:00am Connie & Antonio Durante by Alberto & Maria Rossi

**Friday, December 21**

8:00am Anna McConnell by Brendan McConnell

**Saturday, December 22**

8:00am Edgardo Gargoles by Mely & family  
5:00pm Rita Brown by Helen Liscio & family

**Sunday, December 23**

8:00am Gaetano & Maria Bucci by Cascioli family  
9:30am Maria Luigia Tatangelo by Petrozzi family  
9:30am For the People  
11:00am Giuseppe Trevisan  
by Diane, Lisa & Steven Trevison  
12:45pm Guerrino Di Biase by Chiarina



*Pray for the Dead*

Joyce Rukmin Mohammed  
Giacomo Tolomeo

**ATTENTION SAVIO CLUB MEMBERS**

**Savio Club closes for Christmas Holidays**

**Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

**& reopens**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Have a safe and blessed Christmas.**

**WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

Students aged 14 – 18 are invited to write a five hundred-word essay on the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, celebrated January 18-25, 2013. The Theme for this coming year is ***"What does God require of us?"*** (cf. Micah 6:6-8) First prize is an iPad mini (16 GB), second prize is a Kobo Arc and third to sixth prizes are a one-year subscription to The Catholic Register and other prizes. Essays will be published in the Catholic Register. Deadline for entries is January 18, 2013. E-mail your essay to [editor@catholicregister.org](mailto:editor@catholicregister.org) or FAX it to 416-934-3409. For further information call 416-934-3400, ext 344 or 416-934-3410, ext 404. Don't miss this opportunity!