

What makes a Salesian Parish Salesian Part 1

The parish is not Salesian just because it has Salesians there or that it offers Salesian novenas and devotions. Rather, the Parish is only Salesian if it has a pastoral style and approach that builds a *community environment* for both human and Christian growth.

Another aspect that makes a Parish Salesian is the focus on young people, especially the ones who are poorer and those beyond our Parish membership. These would include the following schools: St. Benedict, Msgr. Percy Johnson, St. Stevens, and Holy Child. Further, to accompany the areas of human and Christian Growth, the Salesian Parish has a *vision-mission statement* with a pastoral plan that flows out of the Salesian charism, to serve the real needs of the people.

