

What makes a Salesian Parish Salesian Part 3

Last week we looked at the importance of building community from the standpoint of having many smaller groups and gatherings which contribute to the make-up of the parish--these include families as well as informal groups and organizations. Given this group context, the main goal of the Salesians is to animate a “community of communities”. One of the functions of the smaller groups is meant to reach out in service to the wider community in which the Parish finds itself situated in.

But for this to happen, a commitment from Parish leadership must form the “other” leaders of the Parish—the teachers, the heads of organizations, the volunteers, the parents and so forth. When all these areas have been tended to, then the Sunday liturgies become the gathering place to build communion as well as to form a servant community that continues to take shape on all the other days of the week.

Ref. Steve Schenck, *The Salesian Parish*, Salesian Fire, May-June 2006.

