

Newsletter

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1. SDC Centenary: The Organising Committee presented its preliminary suggestions which were then studied by the GEC and finalised during joint sessions of the Private Councils of the Superiors General. The final programme is now being assembled and activities are due to begin towards December to coincide also with the centenary anniversary of our Founder's ordination as priest on 22 December 1906. In April 2007 special activities are being planned for overseas Members visiting Malta.

2. Formation and Outreach: The different SDC Commissions continued to organise regular formation meetings for various SDC categories, Members and youths. During this time of the year different types of outreach activities for the general public are held. Two such worth noting were those carried out near the sea resorts of Pretty Bay, Birżebbuġa, and Marsalforn in Gozo. Following the influx of immigrants into Malta, the SDC has been involved in a limited evangelising mission with a restricted group of Christian refugees living around the Marsa area.

3. Visits Overseas: A group of 10 Candidates, all from the 3rd year of the 'Responsorial Course' had a fruitful mission experience in our SDC Centre and College in Korçë, Albania. They were led by the Candidates' Director helped by two Members. The GEC helped organise a summer mission camp at *Preca College* for a group of Sixth Form students from De la Salle College in Malta. Five Members, led by Tonio Caruana GEC, experienced for the first time our SDC apostolate in Lurin, Peru. All these activities left a positive impact on all those who participated. On 26 July, Anton Grima Superior of SDC Żurrieq went to Kenya with Roberto Zammit for a six-week experience there.

4. Mpeketoni, Kenya: Over the past four years at least, the SDC was having problems to keep this Centre functioning. Gaetano Decelis, its Superior, was returning to Malta on 18 August. The Superior General and the GEC studied hard and painfully. The Centre was closed towards the end of August. Its property will eventually be sold and proceeds transferred on the Ruiru Centre.

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