

Korea Provincial Report

1. Membership

(31 Dec 2022)

Region(Area)	Center	Promised			Aspirant	Total
		active	non active	Sub Total		
Seoul Capital	15(1)	272	159(139)	431	63	494
South-West	6(1)	89	72(56)	161	16	177
South-East	2	21	1	22	2	24
Central	3(1)	45	19(8)	64	5	69
Jeju Island	3(1)	13	13(13)	26	10	36
Total	29(*4)	440	264(**216)	704	96	800

*() : under establishment

**() non-active more than 5 years or can not be reached

2. Activities

1) "For the young" Project

(1) Salesith(Salesio+Youth) : Young Cooperators Team in Daerim-Dong Local Center
This team has begun from 2015.

At first, this group was built by the sons and daughters of parent's Cooperators.

Now 5 promised, 3 Aspirants. They are doing charity fundraising by selling handmade soap, and assist adult Cooperators every Retreats and Annual Conferences through introduction and reception. Adult Cooperators accompanied one of them in the 2019 Cambodia Formator Workshop.

(2) In 'Seoul Juvenile Classification Review Center', 'Daerim-Dong Center/Mazzarello center, entrusted for Juvenile care and custody', 'Group Home', Salesio Middle School Oratorio, Don Bosco Technical Center.

Celebrate Mass, and do many activities with the young like these ; art, game, consulting, accompanied outings, Scholarship, Picnic, Teaching Morality, Bazaar.

(3) Serving Meals

- 'Kumsari Community one day Festa'

'Kumsari Community' is a group home for the 'No family youths(girls), north Korea defectors,' there 'Kumsari Local Center' is, 'Kumsari' means 'The place sharing dream and love'

- 'MOM's Cook'

In KwangJu Jisan-Dong FMA Community, there is KwangJu Mama Margerita Local Center

Around the place there are many educational institutions, middle & high schools and university, for the students living by oneself and cannot self-sufficient, serving lunch 1st & 3d Saturday every month at a cheapest price.

- 'Fish bread day' by 'Senior club', Age is just a number.

Old Cooperators serves food for the young around Madre Mazzarello Center.

Senior club consists of old Cooperators more than 70years old.

Korea Cooperators are also becoming older and older but age is just a number.

2) 'Laudato Si' activities

Joined to DBGA(May 2020), DBGA EAO ECO TEM(February 2021). Having read all the 246 articles of Pope Francis encyclical 'Laudato Si' twice in daily messages with pictures sent by our Provincial Delegate Kim Gertruda FMA throughout 2 years. Organized Eco Team in our Provincial Council. Built separate 'Ecology Spirituality' site in Korea Cooperators' Home Page. All Korea Cooperators took a video lectures of Ecological Spirituality consisting of 14 lectures(and some attended 9 weeks on-line class programmed by Seoul Archdioces Ecology Apostolic Committee), Shared ecological activities in Annual Conference and dance 'Laudato Si' dance every Retreat and other meetings. Participating 'Eao Eco Art Festival' going on until October 2023 by Eao Eco Team, Korea submitted 4 works up to now. Cooperators also are participating in other integral ecological activities at home and society, former-Provincial Coodinator Yoon Celestino has a role in 'Korea Catholic Climate Movement' as administrative secretary and another former-Provincial Coodinator Choi Ivo has a role in 'Friends of Heaven, Earth and Water', a Korea laymen ecology apostolic community, as a president.

3) Other activities

-opened Cooperators Homepage(15 Aug. 2019 <http://www.cooperator.co.kr>) helped by Communication Committee(a Provincial Council -affiliated organization)

-working in the 'Fr. John Lee Memorial Foundation' as a member of General Assembly and Executives, etc.

- issuing biannual 'Salesian Cooperators Bulletin of Korea', and monthly webzine 'news letter'

- issued 'Collection of Cooperators Apostolic Activities of Korea'(March 2022)

- translated 'PAL(Project of Apostolic Life) Commentary 'by Communication Committee(led by former-Provincial Coodinator Yoon Celestino and proofread by Provincial Formator Shin Lawrence), and now it is being reviewed by SDB

3. Formation

In Korea, 'Formation' is supervised by 'Formation Committee', a Provincial Council-affiliated organization for Formation.

To be a Salesian Cooperators in Korea, Aspirants have to go through a 3-year formation course. According to the local circumstances, Formation courses are slightly different. In Seoul capital area, Formation Committee operates 'Formation School' and its course consists of lectures, sharing of life experiences and field trips. This course materials are used also for the Aspirants living outside of Seoul Capital area and Promised Cooperators for their on-going Formation.

The first semester of this year 39 Aspirants enrolled in 'Formation School' and last year 23 Aspirants pronounced their personal Apostolic Promise.