

**Salesian Cooperators**



**Association (Thailand)**

# Provincial Report

*Salesian Cooperators Thailand - Cambodia - Laos Province*

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## Preface

This provincial report of Thailand is not intended to summarize the past or dream about many activities that appear outside as we used to do. Because the new councillors see that 'However many exterior activities, but if not for the interior drive of being a genuine Salesian cooperator, who lived according to our founder's Charism, but still living a superficial life, not being really aroused or cared for, is indeed a great pity'. Even though our faith still assures us that everything that happens, it was God himself who did it.

Thus, what appears in this report focuses on the 'Educative Pastoral Plan' that was attempted to improve after it was written three years ago, into something concretely, able to be driven and effective in two dimensions and more in line with Don Bosco's original aspirations and the will of God.:

The Salesian Spirituality dimension and Mission for youth dimension, by emphasizing on the responsibilities and initiative as regards formation (Pal 29) more, and together support the local formators to have good spiritual life and has good knowledge of Don Bosco. Including providing opportunities to continue ongoing formation together effectively.

**Mrs.Navaporn Kitsawat**

Coordinator



## Statistics (March 2023)

Local communities	Places	Promised Members				Aspirants	Notes
		Males	Females	Total	Average ages		
1. Narivooth	Ratchaburi	3	6	9	57	3	
2. MarieUpatham	Nakhon Pathom	2	15	17	58	1	
3. Saint Mary	UdonThani	2	9	11	54		
4. Visutthivong	UdonThani	1	5	6	45	4	
5. Thidanukhro	HadYai	1	12	13	52	8	
6. Don bosco, Philip Rinaldi and Bangkok	Bangkok	33	12	45	54	1	<i>join 3 groups into 1</i>
7. Sarasit	Ratchaburi	3	5	8	60	1	
8. DonBosco	UdonThani	1	13	14	64		
9. SangThong	HadYai	9	8	17	56	5	
10. Sampran	Nakhon Pathom	1	10	11	75	4	
11. DonBosco Banpong	Ratchaburi	10	5	15	46		
12. Phnom Penh	Cambodia	17	8	25	46		(2008-2014)
<b>Total</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>	

**Remark :** The statistics shown in this table, although showing the current membership numbers, are moderately high in non-Catholic country.

But it was found that the average age was quite high, too.

Additionally, the number of members in this table is not considered to distinguish how many active or passive members there are.



## Source of budget

Each community has apostolic work in their fields, such as

- Teachers in the Salesian Family's schools
  - Work in social communications
  - Catechesis teacher
  - Social workers / social volunteering
  - House wife
  - Helping in the local church
  - Helping in our formation houses (salesian family)
  - Caring for the old people / priests
  - Business
  - Associate Judge at the Juvenile Court and Lecturer for the youth
  - etc.
- List out major sources of income and key expenditure items
- The major source of income is from the Annual Retreat payment and donation.
  - Most expenditure items are souvenirs for the opportunity to congratulate the anniversary or the death of the members in the Salesian Family.
  - We have two bank accounts for providing the on-going formation of the members and preparing for the pastoral work that will take place as the needs of the young will demand.

Bank accounts	Amount	Notes
1 GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK	332,054 Baht (Thai)	Saving account
2 KASIKORNBANK	23,172.35 Baht (Thai)	Current account



## Educative - Pastoral Plan of Salesian Cooperators, Province of Thailand 2020-2027

Let's move together on the way of the apostolic life to 100<sup>th</sup> year of Salesian in Thailand.  
(Revised edition on January 19, 2023 at St. Joseph's Church, BanPong, Ratchaburi)

### Identity of Salesian Cooperator

Salesian Cooperators are Christians who promise to be faithful disciples of Christ in the Catholic Church; to work in His Kingdom, especially for the advancement and salvation of the young, be deepening and giving the witness to the Salesian spirit and collaborating in Family communion, in the apostolic initiatives of the local Church. (ref. Pal 32)

We are marked by the spirit of the Beatitudes, live according to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, agree to obey His plan and care for young people according to Don Bosco's Preventive system (ref. Pal 7)

### Situations

#### ► *Position situations*

Salesian cooperators in each community have the delegates closely care for them. They participate enthusiastically. Even as seniors, they are constantly active in meetings and charities in which the Gospel is studied and shared, Project of the apostolic life was reviewed. They can also use communication technology in meetings for sharing of the Word of God, prayers, and are able to communicate with each other up-to-date.

They also participate in the Mission of the Church in a strong and united spirit, through an open network both on the regional and on a global level.

#### ► *Negative situations*

Some of the Salesian cooperators still can't get deep into a genuine Salesian cooperator's identity. In some cases, there is a misunderstanding that Salesian associates must be teachers only. Meetings are irregular and there is no clear education-pastoral plan in each community, causing lack of ongoing formation, which results in members being unable to participate deeply in activities of the Association.



Goals	Statergies	Activities	Time frame (Year)							Responsibility	
			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		2027
<u>Salesian Spirituality dimension</u>  1.Salesian Cooperators have the Beatitudes according to the Gospel.	1. Develop the Spirit of the Beatitudes.	1.1 Organize the monthly and yearly spiritual exercise for Salesian cooperators by focusing on the Word of God.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator
		1.2 Encourage the living of the holy Eucharist, especially receiving the Sacrament of Repentance and Holy Communion.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator
		1.3 Promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin, such as reciting the Rosary, commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 24th day of every month.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator
2. Salesian Cooperators live in the Salesian Spirit deeply and concretely.	2. Develop the Salesian Spiritual life.	2.1 Study the life of Don Bosco and Project of Apostolic life at local meetings.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Coordinator
		2.2 Develop and set up the tools to study the life of Don Bosco for use at a local level. (monthly module).		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Formator
		2.3 Develop and set up the tools to study the 'Project of the apostolic life' at a local level in order to access Salesian spirituality. (monthly module).		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Formator
3.The network of Salesian cooperators in spiritual life, mission and on-going formation is effective.	3. Develop an effective spiritual network.	3.1 Provide a provincial responsible person to create a network of Salesian Cooperators, strong, creative , especially in spiritual matters.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Coordinator
		3.2 Provide the seminars for the local formators.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Formator

Goals	Strategies	Activities	Time frame (Year)								Responsibility
			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
4. There is both a clear initial and ongoing formation plan.	4. Make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 (Revised edition 2023) at Provincial and Local level.	4.1 Together to make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 (Revised edition 2023) at Provincial level. (100 <sup>th</sup> year Salesian in Thailand)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Formator and councilors
		4.2 Together to make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 (Revised edition 2023) at Local level. (100 <sup>th</sup> year Salesian in Thailand)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Formator and councilors
5. Salesian cooperators know and love their vocation and also encourage and promotes new vocations to increase.	5. Develop the vacation in the Salesian cooperator identity.	5.1 Acting according to Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 (Revised edition 2023) at Provincial and local level.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial/Local Coordinator and members
		5.2 Encourage home visits to Salesian cooperators at the local level.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Coordinator and members
		5.3 Organize the spiritual exercise for Salesian cooperators who work in the same zone.	according to the occasion								Local Coordinator and members
		5.4 Participate in activities celebrating the Salesian Holiness day.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Coordinator and members
		5.5 Train and form new interests (aspirants) at the Provincial and local level.	according to the occasion								Provincial/Local Coordinator
<u>Mission for youth dimension</u>											
6. There is a clear Educative Pastoral plan at the provincial level.	6. Make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 at Provincial level	6. Together to make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 (Revised edition 2023) at Provincial level (100 <sup>th</sup> year Salesian in Thailand)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial councilors

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			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
7. There is a clear Educative Pastoral plan at the local level.	7. Make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 at local level.	7. Together to make an Educative Pastoral Plan 2020 - 2027 at local level. (Each community) (100 <sup>th</sup> year Salesian in Thailand)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local councilors and members
8. Salesian cooperators are knowledgeable and live profoundly according to the spirit of the "Preventive System" of Don Bosco	8. Promote and support the members are knowledgeable and live profoundly according to the spirit of the "Preventive System" of Don Bosco.	8.1 Study the 'Preventive System' of Don Bosco in the province / local level meeting.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial/Local Coordinator and Formator
		8.2 Develop and set up the tools to study Preventive system of Don Bosco to gain a deeper understanding. (monthly module).		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial Formator
		8.3 Each year, an in-depth assessment of the way of life in the spirit of the Preventive System of Don Bosco is held, on various topics as determined by the Provincial councilors (life and work) and presented at the annual retreat.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Coordinator
9. There is a family environment in which dialogue, an animating presence, personal accompaniment, and group experience help all perceive God's presence in all our activities and time. (Pa10.2)	9. Foster a family environment in which dialogue, an animating presence, personal accompaniment, and group experience help all perceive God's presence in all our activities and time.	9.1 Educate and practice how to dialogue and share with members of different communities.			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Formator
		9.2 Organize meetings at different levels in a family atmosphere with dialogue-sharing-responsibility. (Synergy)			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator



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			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
10. Salesian cooperators live in unity with our brothers and sisters, with creation and with the environment.	10. Promote living in unity with our brothers and sisters, with creation and with the environment according to the teaching of the contemporary Church.	10.1 Educate about how to live in unity with our brothers and sisters, with creation and with the environment according to the teaching of the contemporary Church.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Formator and Delegate
		10.2 Organize activities to promote living in unity with our brothers and sisters, with creation and with the environment.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator and councils
11. Have a mission for family.	11. Promote a concrete mission for family.	11.1 Educate about nature and the values of family.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Formator and Delegate
		11.2 Organize activities to promote the value and importance of the "family" of Salesian cooperators and young people.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator
		11.3 Organized activities for Salesian cooperators' children.		✓		✓		✓		✓	Provincial / Local Coordinator
12. Have a mission for the young.	12. Promote a concrete mission for the young.	12. Each community has regular and ongoing youth activities according to their situations.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Local Coordinator / members

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Salesian Cooperators choose to share the Gospel way traced out  
by the present Project of Apostolic Life.

They commit themselves in a responsible manner  
to this way which brings one to sanctity:

the Association of the Cooperators

“is designed to shake many Christians from the languor in which they lie,  
and to spread the energy of charity.”

The Lord accompanies with the abundance of His grace all those  
who work in the spirit of the “Da mihi animas, cetera tolle,”  
doing good to youth and to ordinary folk.

*(Pal 40 ; Way of Sanctity)*

We may become increasingly aware of our identity as people consecrated  
"For the glory of God" and increasingly on fire with pastoral zeal "For the salvation of souls".

Don Bosco wanted the choice of consecrated life  
to guarantee the continuity of his charism in the Church.

*(ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI 2008)*

‘I want to think, speak, act only with God in mind.’

‘Do all possible good, according to the spirit of Don Bosco.’

‘Take care of the interior life; have a good spirit,  
without getting worried or worrying about success.’

‘We must not expect to do extraordinary things in matters of the spirit.

Be simple like children.’

*(Don Rinaldi)*

"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal"

*(Don Bosco)*