

The gathering of delegates for Limerick Diocesan Synod

31st January 2015

Feast of Saint John Bosco



I will search in the silence for your hiding place.



In the quiet, Lord, I seek your face.





Where can I discover the wellsprings of your love?



Is my search and seeking in vain?



How can I recover the beauty of your word?



In the silence I call out your name.

I will search in the silence for your hiding place.



In the quiet, Lord, I seek your face.





Where can I find shelter to shield me from the storm?



To find comfort, though dark be the night?



For I know that my welfare is ever in your sight.



In the shadows I long for your light.

I will search in the silence for your hiding place.



In the quiet, Lord, I seek your face.





Lead me in your footsteps along your ancient way.



Let me walk in the love of the Lord.



Your wisdom is my heart's wealth, a blessing all our days.



In the silence I long for Your world.

I will search in the silence for your hiding place.



In the quiet, Lord, I seek your face.



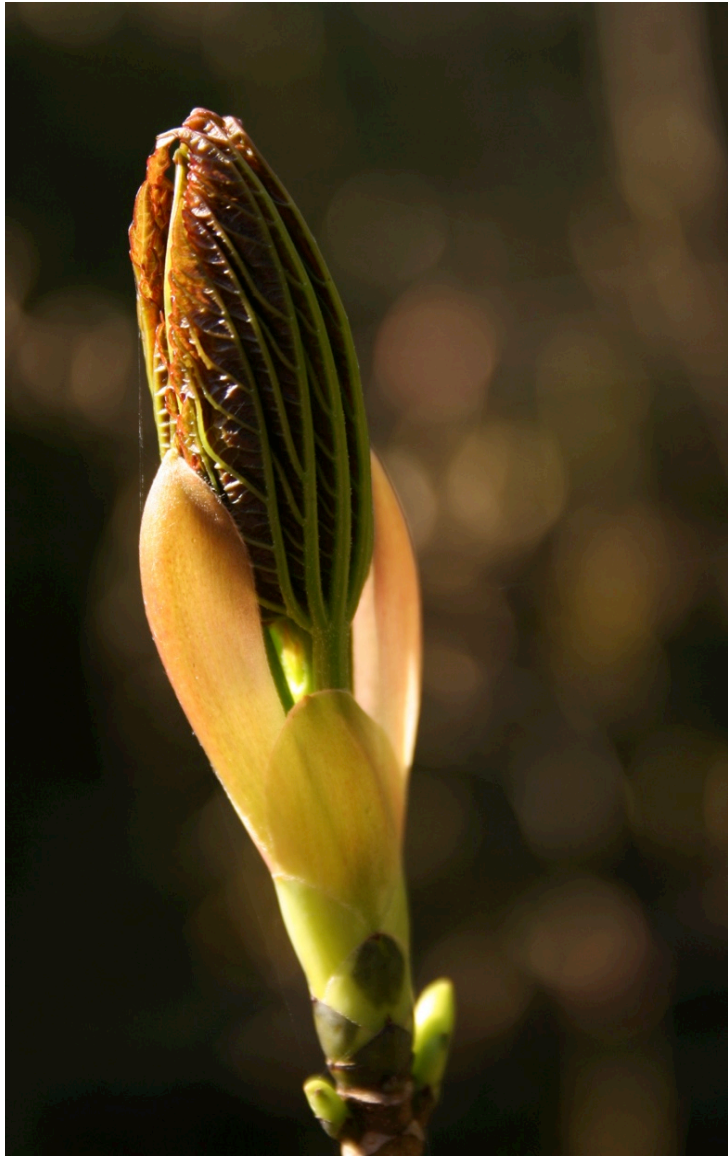


Opening Prayer

Lord, listen to my prayer...



Lord, of the
quietness reach
out and hold me.
Draw me gently
into your peace.
And in the loving
silence of your
heart,
Attune my ears to
the sounds I never
listen to.



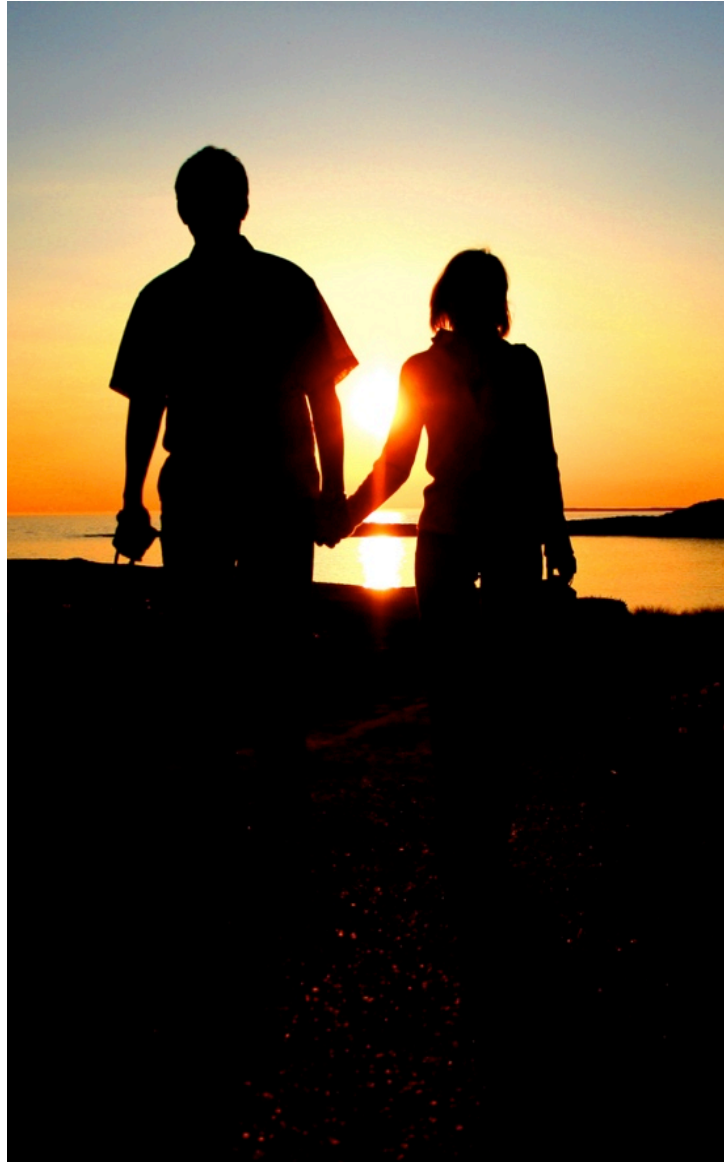
The harmony that
lies in you,
The discords in
the world you've
put me in.
The laughter and
the tears in other
people's lives.
Make me more
sensitive to other
people's needs.



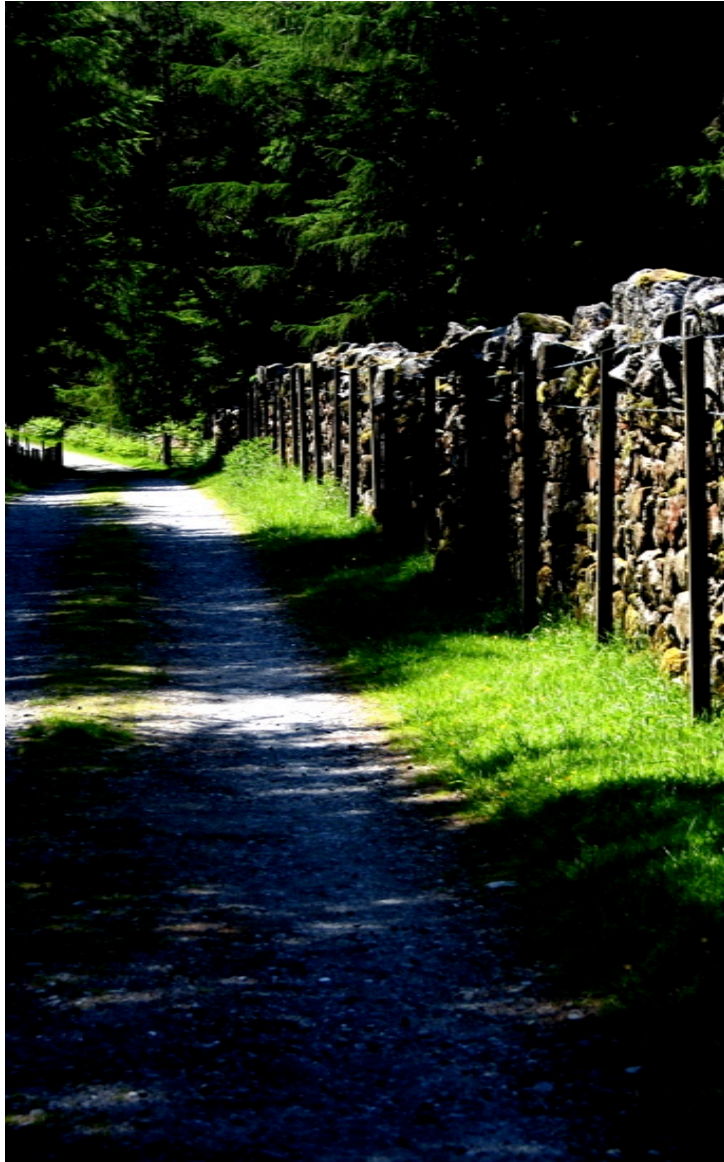
Sometimes I hear
the words that
others speak, but
fail to grasp their
meaning.
Help me to hear the
worry hidden in a
throw-away remark,
the fear wrapped in
a joke,
the insecurity
behind unbending
views.



Let me identify
the cry for help so
casually
expressed.
Help me to listen
more,
To think, and think
before I speak,
and then to think
again.



And Lord, teach
me to hear
sincerity in those
who see and say
things in a
different way.



Give me the grace not
to condemn or
criticize,
But first to search for
common ground,
And grasp the thing
that draws us all
together,
Not concentrate on
what holds us apart.
Help me to take the
richness of another's
thought
And hold it, precious
as my own.



Above all, may I
hear the gentle
echoes of your love
reflected all around
me.

Give me the joy of
listening to your
voice, and to the
quiet rustle of your
arms enfolding me.



Scriptures Reading

James 1:22-25



Reflection

Saint John Bosco





















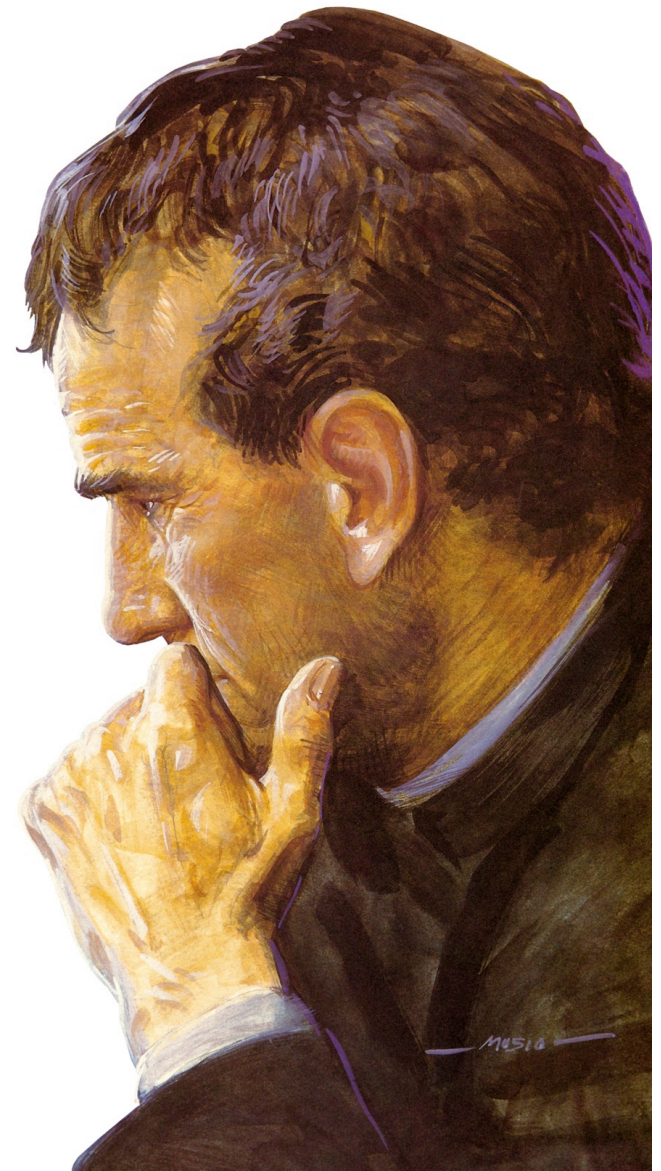








**“Go home to your
Diocese and you’ll do
more for the Salesians
than you would by
entering”**





Bishop Denis Hallinan with Salesians and Staff
Official opening of Salesian Agricultural College - 11 July 1920





Staff & Students of Salesian Agricultural College in 1920







JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

"THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WILL GUIDE YOU"

JOHN

JOHN 16:13



Saint John Bosco,
Friend of the young,
Teacher in the ways of God,
Your dedication to empowering
the needy inspires us still.
Help me to work for a better world,
where the young are given
the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream
for justice can come true,
and where God's compassion
is shown to be real.
Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you
and to Our heavenly Mother,
the Help of Christians.

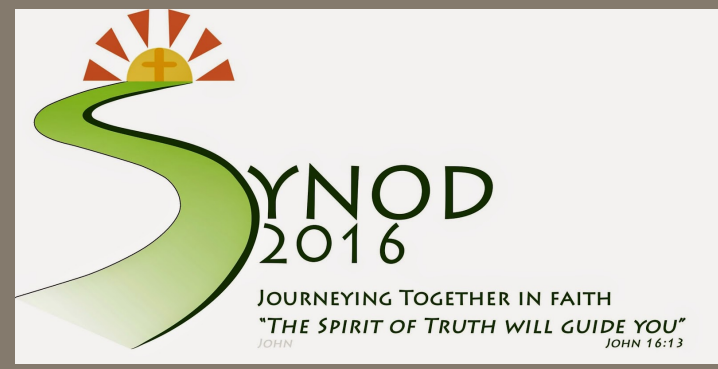
St John Bosco, Pray for us!



Final Hymn

“Here is a man”

by Fr Hugh O'Donnell SDB



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