

Jerusalem, Israel - 15 December 2009 - The Salesian community of the St. Peter and St. Paul Center of Studies in Jerusalem, the Ratisbonne, inaugurated their new St. John Bosco Multimedia Hall with a concert in honor of St. Cecilia. The hall was blessed by Fr. Maurizio Spreafico, superior of the Middle East Province. The students from the Center of Studies performed songs and pieces of music from the Latin American and Middle Eastern repertoires. At the end of the concert, the rector, Fr. Francis Preston, thanked those present, speaking about the value and importance of music in Salesian tradition and at the Ratisbonne. About a hundred religious and lay people were in the audience. Among the 38 students in the four years of theology are Deacon Manny Gallo and Bros. Matt DeGance and Jim Zettel of the New Rochelle Province, Bro. Chuyen Nguyen of the San Francisco Province, and Bro. Sean McEwen, originally from the New Rochelle Province but now of South Africa.

