

December 4, 2009 – Salesian GHQ – Sir, we want to see Jesus



(ANS – Rome) – Again this year (i.e., 2010) the strenna of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family is accompanied by a relevant poster. At its center of the picture are two elements: a boy and the words of the strenna for 2010.

The boy is repeating the gesture made by John Paul II on June 1, 1980, during his first visit to France. It is a comment on and emphasizes the verse in St. John’s Gospel which introduces Strenna 2010: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” It is the wish of some Greeks, who turn to the Apostle Philip so that they may see Jesus. Taking up this request, the Rector Major puts it in the hearts of the young, and as the text says, encourages the groups of the Salesian Family to imitate Fr. Michael Rua “as authentic disciples and zealous apostles” and to bring the Gospel to the young.

The boy is wearing a T-shirt on which is printed the picture by Sieger Koeder, a former parish priest from the diocese of Rothenberg-Stuttgart, entitled “Don Bosco puppeteer.” The picture, chosen by Fr. Chavez for his commentary on 2010 strenna, expresses all the creativity and the mission of Don Bosco, who was a great evangelizer and a sign of God’s love for the young.

The poster was created by graphic artist Fabrizio Emigli, who has already produced previous posters of the strenna. Fr. Pascual Chavez made his own contribution to the work and to the choice.

The commentary on the strenna will be presented, as is the tradition, in the course of a meeting of the Rector Major with the Salesian Sisters on December 31 and will be accompanied by a DVD, which this year has some interesting, novel features.

The **poster** may be downloaded in print-ready resolution in the various languages used by ANS and also in **German**.