

## November 1, 2009 - Italy – Running to free a child soldier



**(ANS – Rome)** – At 10:00 a.m. on November 1, the second “Saints Run” got under way. It was on behalf of child soldiers and the work of the Salesians in their rescue and rehabilitation.

The day began with Mass at the altar of the cathedra in St. Peter’s Basilica with the Rector Major presiding. Then it saw several thousand athletes taking part in the 10½K competitive event, which was followed by a 3K run for youngsters and adults through the city streets.

The event was promoted by the Don Bosco in the World Foundation with the collaboration of Italian CNOS-Sport and organized by the Saints Run Sports Association.

“The Saints Run” also launched the “Free a child soldier” campaign, which the Don Bosco in the World Foundation is organizing to collect funds on behalf of the Salesians working in Sri Lanka. Between November 1 and 8 people in Italy can contribute by sending a 2-euros text message, or else from any part of the world by accessing the site it is possible to make a donation by following the various indications.

The first three in the men’s competitive race were Meli Ezekiel, Rugut Kipngetich Nahash, and Jaouad Zain, while in the women’s race the first three were Ghizlane Asmae, Di Santo Ilaria, and Salina Jebet.