

February 1, 2010 - Ukraine – Don Bosco celebrated in Lvov



(ANS - Lvov) – It is surprising how year after year Don Bosco is catching on with people, especially the young. The saint and his work are becoming better known, and the involvement of the young people, their parents, their teachers, and the Cooperators increasing and becoming more and more enthusiastic

On January 29 at the Salesian secondary school named after Blessed Clement Shepticky there was a big celebration in the presence of the Archbishop Igor Vosniak of Lvov, who presided at Mass and then joined in the joyful atmosphere of the show that the students put on with sketches, songs, and an inspired presentation of this year's strenna entitled "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

After greeting everyone and wishing them a happy feast day of St. John Bosco, Archbishop Igor expressed appreciation and thanks to the Salesians for their valuable and important work on behalf of the young.

On January 30 at the headquarters of the Ukraine Delegation there was a gathering of all the Salesians, Salesian Sisters, Cooperators, teachers, and lay helpers to study the strenna and talk about the various educational activities of the year in the light of the ideas and inspiration of the strenna itself.

It was a lively, interesting, and well attended gathering. Over 100 people were present, all of them enthusiastically drawn by the educator-saint. During the meeting the youngsters from the Pokrova Children's Home performed a sketch that moved everyone by the delicacy and skill shown by the young actors.

On January 31 it was the turn of the parish to celebrate with specially solemn and well-attended Masses. During the Masses the faithful were reminded of the earthquake tragedy in Haiti, and especially the 500 youngsters who died in the ruins together with 3 Salesians. A collection was taken as a sign of solidarity.