

March 3, 2010 – Salesian GHQ – The new site of the Salesian Congregation: sdb.org 2.0



(ANS – Rome) – In these past hours, the site of the Salesian Congregation – sdb.org – has moved to Web 2.0, a new interface which is a new way of communicating with and linking the Salesian world.

This change of the site of the Salesian Congregation, planned for quite some time, is being completed in these days thanks to a continuous process of quality control. As the foundation for this change is the special attention which the Church and the Congregation are giving to the “digital continent,” the sharing of know-how and the promotion of “open source.” In fact, the new site has been set up entirely with open and free software.

There has been almost a year of work by Fr. Julian Fox and Bro. Hilario Seo from the Congregation’s Social Communications Department, and by the staff of the [Ipermedia Servizi](#), the computer service company which for a number of years has been working with the Direzione Generale Opere Don Bosco. Ideas and suggestions from Salesians and other users of the site have been a determining factor in the decisions made.

The novelty consists not only in the outward appearance of the “front end,” the interface, but includes also the inner “back end,” the database, totally re-thought and re-made according to the parameters of Web 2.0. Now the site provides a high level of possible interaction by the user as well as new resources, and it will also be capable of accommodating future evolutions of the Internet.

The Web 2.0 reflects a philosophical approach to the Net that highlights the social dimension of sharing, of protagonism rather than mere use. It is precisely the way in which the Net is used that opens the way for a new approach that enables the user not only to utilize but also to create and modify the multimedia contents.

Those responsible for the [site](#) want to inform users, whether old or new, that it is necessary to register, and also that in the next few hours there could be some hitches due to the whole site being gradually put on-line. Google has begun to index the 25,000 pages, and a further two weeks will be required to complete the work, and so during this period the search function could have its limitations.