

Circular No. 143 (25-26)

2nd December, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians.

Re: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Next Tuesday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, whom by God's grace was conceived without original sin. The Feast Day reminds us that, by the love of Jesus Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin, but free to love and serve our brothers and sisters.

This feast day marks the beginning of the celebration for the 185th anniversary of Catholicism in Hong Kong and the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the diocese. The Roman Catholic Church in Hong Kong was established as a mission prefecture in 1841; became a vicariate apostolic in 1874; and a diocese in 1946.

While crucial to the Hong Kong Diocese, this feast holds particular importance for the Salesians. On the same day in 1841, Don Bosco first encountered Bartholemew Garelli from Asti, a young boy who came to Turin to look for jobs. That simple encounter launched the oratory, marking the commencement of Don Bosco's mission to care for poor and abandoned youth. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is now celebrated as the Oratory's Birthday by the entire Salesian family.

As a Salesian school, the celebration of feast days is an important tradition to build fellowship and communion. The details are as follows:

- 1. The celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Tuesday, 9th December, 2025.
- 2. All students should come to school in full winter uniform before 8:05 a.m. and go to their own classroom before 8:10 a.m. Class Teachers will take the roll-call.
- 3. At 8:25 a.m., all students should proceed to the Grand Stand following the instructions given through the public address system.
- 4. At 9:00 a.m., Holy Mass will be celebrated, which will then be followed by student activities.
- 5. Students may leave school after 11:40 a.m.

Wishing you all a happy Feast Day! May the Love and Peace of the Lord be with you!

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

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