

## **YOU ARE INVITED!**



Fr. Dominic Tran SDB

When we receive an invitation, we feel honored. It is indeed a warm experience. It means that we have not been forgotten, we are remembered, and that our presence at an event would be valued. When we send an invitation, it is a signal that we treasure the friendship with others, and we wish them to be near us as we celebrate a special occasion. Yes, the richness of an invitation is not in the formal words written upon it but in what it represents.



Br. Jim Zettel SDB

While in casual conversation with one of our seminarians, my mind caught a statement that was made, “Because a friend invited me...” Now that is a statement with all the emotional triggers at work; friends’ invitations are words not passed over lightly. If one reflects deeply enough one would recall hearing or reading statements like: “I probably wouldn’t be a Catholic today, if a friend hadn’t invited me to an enquiry night.” Or “I wouldn’t be a religious today if my grandparents didn’t encourage me.” Just simple invitations... to friends or loved ones, but how vast the consequences which flow from those very simple acts.

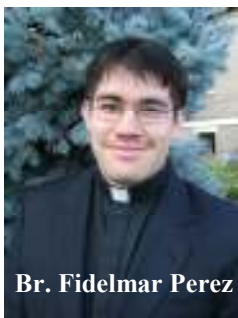
The apostolic mandate of Christ, to go out and invite all into the Kingdom, is not only for Church leaders but also is addressed to all His followers down through the ages. The Christian faith is an evangelizing faith. So many of us want to keep it to ourselves, as if Christianity could be kept in a preserving jar. “Go out”, was the command, and we Christians in obedience, are in search of others to share our gift, the gift of the Kingdom. The Bible may be given to others to reflect upon, religious books may be distributed, all to some good effect, but there is nothing so forceful, so acceptable as a personal invitation

from a friend. Come and be with me in a special moment of prayer; come and be with me as I celebrate a sacrament; ; all these are hard to turn down.

The Holy Spirit works in many ways. I know of many religious and priests who began to discern the religious life because they were invited. Yes, the appealing power of a warm invitation from a friend enables people to cross all boundaries and divisions.

Sincerely dear friend,  
***‘YOU ARE INVITED TO BE ONE OF US’. Be a SALESIAN OF DON BOSCO as a priest or a brother.***

*Fr. Franco*



Br. Fidelmar Perez

## **TO BE A PART OF A MOVEMENT!**



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***“NOT MERELY A HUMAN VENTURE***

***BUT THE INITIATIVE OF GOD”***