

Fight globalization of indifference with service: Basanes



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As a [follow](#) up on his talk to post graduate students on 'globalization of solidarity' during his first visit to Assam [Don Bosco](#) University ([ADBU](#)) two years ago, the head of [Don Bosco](#) Missions worldwide Fr Guillermo Basanes addressed the faculty members at [ADBU](#) Azara campus, [10](#) May.

Addressing a [group](#) of 120 faculty members on 10th May, Fr Basanes said, "[fight](#) globalization of indifference with service."

Fr Basanes the Mission Counselor, is making the extraordinary visitation of 28 centres of the Salesian province of Guwahati spread out in parts Assam and [Meghalaya](#) since 19 February [2016](#).

On a four day visit to the university from 9 to 12 May, [as](#) Extraordinary Visitor representing the Rector Major of the Salesians, Fr Basanes originally from Argentina and currently residing in Rome challenged the faculty members of the [Schools](#) of [Technology](#), Humanities & [Social](#) Sciences, and Life Sciences asking “What creative contribution have you done in the last five years?”

While complimenting the faculty for their commitment in mentoring students Fr Basanes spoke fluent English underlining the fact that “young people are the powerful creative resource of the present, not of the future.” “You are blessed with so many creative young people ready to serve,” Fr Basnes said recalling the motto of the current academic year “Don’t be afraid to fly” Fr Basanes added “Don’t be afraid to fly - to serve.”

Students should be encouraged to fly high so that they could serve better said the Mission Counselor recalling the words of Pope Francis who warned world [leaders](#) of “the growing globalization of indifference.” Young generation should be helped to be socially committed and be creative said Fr Basanes posing a question, “are you promoting young generation by empowering them to serve?” He also emphasized the fact that “diversity of young people with togetherness is our strength.”

In an hour long interactive session, Fr Basanes fielded several questions and had a sampling of the best practices initiated by various faculty members.

Born in Washington (USA) to Argentinean parents Fr Basanes had his initial Salesian [training](#) in Argentina before venturing into the African Mission of Angola. Over two decades of missionary life in Africa, he served the Salesian missions in various capacities. He was elected [as](#) the Mission Superior for the Salesian Missions worldwide at the last General chapter held in Rome in April 2014.

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