

On *Monday 21 January*, Alfie's 60th anniversary, the church beside the cemetery was overflowing for the Mass. Later, all-day sessions took place in the parish centre in relation to Alfie's life where hundreds of legionaries attended.

Noelia was in great demand here and capable of answering all the queries relating to the Legion and to Alfie's life.

On *Tuesday 22 January* the ceremonies concluded with a visit to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lujan, with



a n o t h e r concelebrated Mass for Alfie in that beautiful basilica. As Noelia had to leave for Panama, the Senatus of Buenos Aires asked their assistant secretary,

Osvaldo Coronel to continue the Concilium visit with me to the Senatus of Salta in Northern Argentina. This entailed a twenty-two hour bus journey with the Salta legionaries who had been at the ceremonies in Buenos Aires.

The five-day visit to Salta was an extraordinary eye opener. On arrival there was a welcoming Mass and an opportunity to meet many of the city legionaries and some of the Senatus officers. The next few days were packed full of meetings with all the Senatus officers and with their spiritual director. They very humbly explained their problems and difficulties, as well as their good works and projects for the future.

Junior legionaries are very well looked after by their capable officers. Included in those days, the young legionaries in national costumes performed different local dances with music from their local instruments.



We were able to attend a Comitium meeting in a rural town which has many councils attached. The legionaries, who are not so poor, travel to meetings and do their Legion work on horse back.

During the months of February and March all legionaries have to help save the tobacco harvest which is handpicked. This is done from sunrise to sunset, and Legion contact work is done while working in the tobacco fields with fellow workers.



*Osvaldo Coronel came on the visit to Salta and Bolivia*

A one-day visit to the Regia of Jujuy was achieved, which stretches up the Altiplano on the border of Bolivia. The Legion exists in many towns where previously North American sects used to work.

Finally, Osvaldo and I flew to the Regia of Santa Cruz, Bolivia where we joined up with the La Paz Senatus officers during the four-day visit. At the close of this visit we gave them a written list of suggestions and recommendations to work on together.

This part of Bolivia is noted for its devotion to Our Lady and for its faithfulness to the sacraments. Many legionaries organise 5 am dawn rosaries and processions, which are attended by large groups of the faithful. The 7.30 am Sunday Masses are packed to overflowing with crowds of men and women, rich and poor, young people, and many families with their children.

The Regia of Santa Cruz has significant plans for extension -especially amongst the native peoples.



In this entire visit the presence of Our Lady was tangible - as was Alfie Lambe. In South America he is considered a very holy man.



*Noelia Garcia and Noel Lynch at 60th Anniversary of Alfie*