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## Celebrating the Season of Creation

*Fr. Jean-Hérick Jasmin, OMI*

*Director, OMI-JPIC*

Within the context of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation - September 1st, 2021- a moment of inter-congregational prayer was organized by the OMI-JPIC office in the beautiful Oblate General House gardens at 4:30 pm on that day. The day also marked the beginning of the Season of Creation (Sept. 1 - Oct. 4, 2021). This Initiative was a joint venture of 3 Religious Congregations: The Marist Sisters, the White Fathers (Missionaries of Africa) and the Oblates. Therefore, the idea is that each Congregation take turns to organize a para-liturgical service on each Saturday in September, in their respective premises.

For the opening prayer service, some delegates from various religious communities in our vicinity were present, such as the White Fathers, the Claretians, the Marist Sisters and the Sisters of Our Lady. Sheila Kinsey, Co-Secretary of the JPIC Commission of the Union of Superiors General (USG/UISG), Sisters Alfonsa Kiven and Caroline Mjomba CFS, also graced the occasion. Fr. Mokone RATHOKOA, Superior of the Oblate General House community, on behalf of the General Administration, addressed some words to welcome the visitors and all the participants.

Later, to praise the Lord of Creation, the Scholastics of the International Scholasticate (IRS) sang a melodious "Rap" and everybody joined them in singing the refrain "Laudato si". During this month of the Season of Creation we are also using the "Tent" as the symbol of Abraham's Tent, and also as the sign of the Home (oikos) of God. Towards the end of the service, Fr. Roberto Villa, together with representatives from the White Fathers and the Marist Sisters, blessed the "Tent" that we had put up. It was a reminder that we are all in the oikos of God. He gave humans the ministry

to take care of and to cultivate this shared oikos, so that the oikos of God might become a loving community, a community in which all beings are equal, though each has a different role. The oikos is a home for all but it is now in danger because of greed, exploitation, disrespect, disconnection, and systematic degradation.

We are called to engage others in caring for creation, as Pope Francis invites us to do. World leaders need to address the issues of biodiversity and climate change. There is a big risk they might not commit to serious action that is needed to protect our planet. But it is not too late. If we act together, we can challenge world leaders to care for creation.

Therefore, the Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. It is an annual ecumenical season from September 1 - October 4 when we pray and act together as a Christian family for our common home. We thank our Father in heaven for giving us His "Tent" to live in. We ask the Lord that all those who visit His Tent may use it for His service and for the good of all His people.

At the end of our celebration, we reminded the participants to write, in our visitor's book, their impressions and their commitment to protect creation. After the ceremony, everyone was offered a piece of fruit to remind us that we live from the fruits of the earth, which at the moment are threatened by human activity.

The masters-in-charge of the celebration were Frs. Jean-Hérick JASMIN (Director OMI-JPIC), Roberto VILLA (local treasurer), and Fr. Peter STOLL (General Councilor for Asia-Oceania).

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**XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS**
**For a Synodal Church:  
Communion, Participation, and Mission**

Documents for the Church's forthcoming Synod on Synodality were issued by General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican on September 7, 2021.

The Secretariat issued its preparatory document and a Vademecum (handbook) to assist local dioceses and Churches ahead of the first phase of the multi-year Synodal Process for the global Church. They would indicate the guiding principles that will direct the path of the Synod on Synodality. By convening this Synod, Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: Synodality.

***What is Synodality?***

The term 'synodality' denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the Church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together.

The entire People of God shares a common dignity and vocation through Baptism. All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church. In this sense, synodality enables the entire People of God to walk forward together, listening to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, in the communion that Christ establishes between us. In that sense, 'a synodal Church' walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members.

***The aim of this Synod***

Therefore, the objective of this Synodal Process is not to provide a temporary or one-time experience of synodality, but rather to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more 'synodal Church' in the long-term.

***Solemn opening in the presence of the Holy Father***

The solemn opening of the Synod will take place in Rome on October 9-10, and in the particular Churches on October 17; and will conclude in the Vatican on October 2023 with the assembly of bishops from around the world.

The three-year Synodal Process will have three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment:

***Diocesan phase: consultation & participation of the People of God***

The particular Churches will begin their journey on Sunday, 17 October, under the presidency of the diocesan bishop. The objective of this phase is the consultation of the People of God. The Preparatory Document, released on Tuesday, together with the Vademecum and the Questionnaire are intended above all to be instruments facilitating this first phase of listening and consultation of the People of God.

Once the material has been obtained, the first Instrumentum laboris will be drafted, which will be published and sent to the particular Churches in September 2022.

***Continental phase: dialogue and discernment***

This will mark the beginning of the second phase, scheduled to take place from September 2022 to March 2023. The aim is to engage in a dialogue on the Instrumentum laboris. At the end of the their discussions, each continental grouping will draft a final document, which they will send to the General Secretariat in March 2023.

The Secretariat will then draft a second Instrumentum laboris, based on the responses. Publication is planned for June 2023.

***Universal phase: the bishops of the world in Rome***

The synodal journey will culminate in October 2023 with the Assembly of Bishops

in Rome, according to the renewed procedures established in 2018 by Pope Francis in the Constitution *Episcopalis communio*.

Synods have been an ordinary part of the life of the Church since the early centuries, with local Churches and dioceses convoking

synods to discuss theological and pastoral issues relevant to the times. After Vatican Council II, Pope Paul VI created the permanent secretariat of the synod of bishops in Rome in order to bring bishops from around the world together to help inform the Pope's thinking on different issues.

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## ASIA-OCEANIA

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### AUSTRALIA

#### De Mazenod Family Gathering 2021

*Nimmi Candappa*

*The Charism Coordinator*

The Annual Gathering of the De Mazenod Family was recently held with much excitement and success. This is the third such Gathering that has been held, with the first meeting held physically in Fremantle in 2019, with different representatives from the various Oblate ministries across Australia.

This year's Gathering was also meant to involve some physical hubs but with the yoyoing of COVID restrictions, we met online instead – over 120 participants from the various ministries including Oblate Parishes, Youth Ministry, Oblate schools, Rosies and St Pats, priests and laity. As a team, it was a delight to see so many of you at the Gathering. The sense, even over Zoom, was one of warmth and connection.

The aim of these Gatherings is to annually come together as the one family – to connect, inform, unify and engage with the wider Oblate community across the common foundation of St Eugene's charism.

The theme this year was Being the Most United Family. The program included a welcome from the Provincial, Fr Christian FINI, and a reflection by the Seminary Rector, Fr Andrew CHEN, on Being the Most United Family using St Eugene's charism. There was time for sharing and discussion on the reflection, as well as input

from participants on what it takes for the De Mazenod Family to meet St Eugene's dream of Being the Most United Family. We even had a surprise "online" visit by the Superior General Fr. Louis LOUGEN.

The Vision and Mission Statement for the De Mazenod Family was presented and feedback sought on aspects of the Statement that most resonated with participants.

A summary of projects completed in the last 12 months was also presented along with the context in which these fit into the overall scheme. Projects in the last 12 months included:

- *the online prayer resources and prayer programs held online during COVID;*
- *the courses on St Eugene of varying lengths developed and available on this website;*
- *the Chat newsletter with its activities, updates and reflections on the charism;*
- *this fancy new website you are on, constructed to provide greater connection, and ease of access to the available resources;*
- *an upcoming parish mission and,*
- *involvement in international Lay Association Gathering.*

There are many more upcoming events and programs, keep checking in on this website: <https://demazenodfamily.com.au/>

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**CANADA - UNITED STATES**


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**UNITED STATES****“Eugene 101” to begin again**

*Fr. David Muñoz, OMI*

A year ago, the Kusenberger Chair of Oblate Studies embarked on a new initiative. The Chair sought to provide an enrichment course on the life, mission, and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates and of a larger missionary charismatic family.

It is called “Eugene de Mazenod 101”. The designation “101” is used in the United States of America to imply a course for beginners. It is, therefore, a non-academic course for anyone interested in learning more about St. Eugene.

The previous year’s session counted with the participation of over 200 participants in English, Spanish, French, and Italian. Due to its success, the Chair will provide, once again, a four part series called, “Leaving Nothing Undared with St. Eugene de Mazenod.”

***The aims of the Eugene de Mazenod 101 series are:***

- 1.** To help participants gain a deeper knowledge of the life of St. Eugene de Mazenod.
- 2.** To assist participants to understand the charism, mission, and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod.
- 3.** To see in him and his Mazenodian spirituality a model of holiness that can enrich their life.

**UNITED STATES****Oblates Hope To Expand Prison Ministry**

Consistent with a goal of empowering lives through education, Oblate School of Theology (OST) partnered with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Archdiocese of San Antonio and the Ministry of the Third Cross to offer a transformational educational experience for incarcerated individuals.

**4.** For members of the Mazenodian Family to be inspired to discover their individual vocation within their specific branch of the Mazenodian Family.

The four part series is entirely FREE of charge and can be accessed entirely on the Internet.

However, participants must register for each part via the Oblate School of Theology website. After registration, each participant will receive a password to access the resource page. The series is currently offered in English, Spanish, and French. Each series consists of four, 20-minute videos, and offers a resource page for personal or group reflection.

**Part 1,** “Daring to Listen to God’s Call,” will be offered every Monday in the month of October 2021.

**Part 2,** “Daring to Share an Experience of God with others,” will be offered every Monday beginning 15th November until 6th December, 2021.

**Part 3,** “Daring New Ways to Reach People’s Hearts,” will be offered every Monday in February 2022.

**Part 4,** “Leaving Nothing Undared,” will be offered every Monday beginning on 14th March until 4th April.

We encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity to journey with St. Eugene. Those interested can find more information on the website of the Kusenberger Chair of Oblate Studies.

“We were the first Catholic institution of higher education in Texas to offer a program of adult faith formation in a prison, and we now have multiple places asking if they can be part of the program,” said Dr. Scott Woodward, President of OST.

School officials created the two-year program as a way for motivating offenders within five years of parole eligibility to reflect on and study the faith in order to change their lives

for the better, both during their incarceration and after they are released.

The goals of the prison-based program are to reduce recidivism, reduce violence both inside and outside the walls and reduce the number of infractions by offering offenders a new way of life.

The program consists of 220 classroom hours over two years. First year sessions cover the Bible, the creed, church history, sacraments, Christian life and morality and prayer life. The year ends with a closing retreat.

The second year includes opening and closing retreats and three sections known as “schools.” There are schools for prayer, pastoral skills and Scripture. The focus in year two is on conflict resolution, communication, leadership, forgiving oneself, dealing with change, collaboration and valuing differences.

The dedication and discipline required to complete the two-year program has had a meaningful impact on participants’ lives as they contemplate their parole or release.

One inmate, David, expressed delight with the course because instructors answered all questions and treated participants respectfully. “It gave me a better understanding of the universal church and of prayer. I could go on for days about how great this program is and its benefits,” said David.

Another inmate, Marcos, said he enjoyed learning about Catholic history and the rosary. “I learned the importance of being able to commit myself to something and be responsible,” said Marcos. “I am very blessed to have gone through this program.”

### ***Oblates Offer Retreats at Maximum Security Prison***

The Menard Correctional Facility in Illinois is home to 3,700 inmates, many of whom will spend the rest of their lives in prison. Twice a year, the Oblates conduct retreats at the prison that involve about 40 prisoners at each retreat.

The retreats are led by Fr. Salvador Gonzalez, O.M.I. and Fr. Mark Dean, O.M.I. both of whom minister at King’s House Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois.

The “Kairos in Prison Retreat” is a Christian-based retreat specially designed to help the incarcerated meet other Christians in the same situation, share their faith and grow their relationship with Christ and each other.

“People in prison desperately want an opportunity to find Christ and to experience something new in their life,” said Fr. Salvador. “I know one gentleman who was on a waiting list for the retreat for eight years. When he finally got his turn, he was so grateful for the opportunity to experience Jesus. He became a different man.”

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## EUROPE

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### **FRANCE**

#### **Walking with Eugene - a new adventure begins!**

It is a joy to share this news with you: the Oblate charism is still relevant and touches the hearts of young people today! Thanks to the beautiful collaboration between the Oblate communities working with students - mainly Chavril-Sainte Foy, Fontenay 49 and Aix-en-Provence - the ministry with students and young professionals is

developing. This summer, we had our first weekend in Aix-en-Provence, which completed three video meetings that we have had since last January.

It was a new group, “Cheminer avec Eugène” (Walking with Eugene), made up of about fifteen young professionals or young couples who, a few years ago as students, walked with the Oblates. Now they are continuing the journey of deepening their spiritual life and the Oblate charism through this group.

As they come from different parts of France, we meet several times a year by video and twice in person. Among the objectives, each one is supposed to commit himself to a missionary commitment in his place of life (parish, group, movement...). Some of them are among the animators of the "mission weekend" that we will propose this year in our three student homes in France.

It is a beautiful example that the charism of our Founder is not reserved to the religious life but

has its place in the life of Christians as Rule 37a of our Constitutions reminds us:

The charism of Saint Eugene de Mazenod, a gift of the Spirit to the Church, shines forth into the world. Lay people recognize that they are called to participate in it according to their state of life, and to live it in ways that vary according to milieu and culture. They participate in the charism in a spirit of communion and reciprocity among themselves and with the Oblates.

*Przemek Koscianek, OMI*

## POLAND

### The entire collection of Oblate writings in Polish!

*Fr. Roman Tyczyński, OMI*

As part of the centenary of the Polish Province of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, in this jubilee year of the canonization of our Founder, the complete translation (22 volumes) of the writings of Saint Eugene de Mazenod into Polish has been completed.

In order for this important work to see the light of day, it was necessary to have the collaboration of a good group of Oblates and lay people. Among the translators we should mention Fathers Jan CHMIST, Roman TYCZYŃSKI, Józef LESZCZYŃSKI (+), Jan GERŁOWSKI, Piotr LEPICH, Krzysztof TROCIŃSKI and Mrs. Bożena Buczkiewicz. The 11 volumes out

of 22 are translated by Fr. Roman Tyczyński who works in Luxembourg.

This idea of having all the Founder's writings in Polish was born during the time when Fr. Ryszard SZMYDKI was the Provincial. The editors of this massive work were Frs. Marcin SZAFORS and Marcin WRZOS. The complete version can be downloaded from the website of the Province.

It should also be mentioned that the fifteen volumes have also been published as an audio version (<https://oblaci.pl/audio/>) under the responsibility of Fr. Leon NIEŚCIOR, who is a professor at the University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński in Warsaw and also the spiritual director of our Province.

May this work increase our knowledge of our Founder and especially our friendship with St. Eugene in the mystery of the communion of saints.

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## LATIN AMERICA

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## HAITI

### Let us pray for Haiti

Dear Oblates and friends,

As you have certainly heard in the news, an earthquake magnitude 7.2 struck Haiti this morning at 8:30 AM. Several hundreds of people have been reported dead and missing. A lot of material damage have been reported.

The epicenter was located in the South and the Nippes region of the country (including the South, Anse-à-Veau and Miragoâne). Many buildings collapsed in Les Cayes and Camp-Perrin, including churches and religious centres all over the South Coast - Port-Salut, Roche-à-Bateau, Côteaux, Damassin, Port-à-Piment, Chardonnières, Rendel, Les Anglais, La Cahouane and Tiburon, etc-. In fact, the first images are terrifying.

As for the Haitian Oblates, it has been reported that they are safe “only one was under the rubble at Mazenod, Camp-Perrin, but he came out unscathed, without a scratch. It is Father Albert CATOR. Unfortunately, two employees of Mazenod still cannot be found” (reported by the Provincial of Haiti).

So, this note is to summarize for you and share the first news on the situation in Haiti after this

new earthquake and after just 1 month and 7 days of the murder of the President Jovenel Moïse. At the appropriate time we will give you further information. We count on your prayers for the protection of Haiti. May Our Lady of the Assumption bless us and keep us under her Mother’s smile.

*Fr. Jean-Hérick Jasmin, OMI  
(Director, OMI JPIC)*

## **BOLIVIA**

### **Tribute to Fr. Mauricio Lefebvre, OMI: 50 years after his death**

*Raúl España*

On 21 August 1971, Fr. Mauricio Lefebvre Beaudry, OMI was assassinated on his way to help the victims of the violent coup d'état of Hugo Bánzer Suárez. This year, 2021, marks the 50th anniversary of this painful event. The Institute for Sociological Research (IDIS), which has borne his name since 1999, published in August a compilation of documentaries, testimonies, lectures, articles and photographs on Mauricio Lefebvre. The tribute included a lecture by Hugo José Suarez, "Maurice Lefebvre: a fundamental sociology".

Maurice Lefebvre was born in Saint Denis, Monterey, Canada, on 6 August 1922. In 1940, he entered and was formed to be a Religious at the Oblate Seminary in Chambly, and in 1948 he was ordained a priest in Canada. He arrived in Bolivia in 1953. He worked in the mining centres of Llallagua, Siglo XX and Catavi where he showed his deep social sensitivity. In 1958 he entered the Higher University of San Andrés (UMSA) in La Paz, Bolivia to study. He then travelled to Rome where he studied sociology. In 1966 he returned to the country and promoted the work of the “Church and Society in Latin America” (ISALP), an institution that brought together actors from different fields committed to social change in Bolivia. In 1968 he joined the UMSA and promoted the creation of a degree in Sociology. He died on 21 August 1971.

Mauricio Lefebvre, in his career, demonstrated that although sociology as a science tends towards objective knowledge of social reality, this is not contradictory to the social commitment that should characterize the sociologist. Commitment to the thirst for justice, to the defence of freedom not only as a realization of civil and political rights but also of social rights and, above all, commitment to contribute to the suppression of the social inequalities that undermine our dignity as human beings.

In this respect, Mauricio pointed out: “I do not observe our national reality as a 'disinterested' technician who has been entrusted with the study of a socio-economic sector and the elaboration of a report with its corresponding evaluations and recommendations. I will make my analysis as the Bolivian I consider myself to be, a Bolivian who is committed to the social progress of his country. I have lived in Bolivia since the beginning of 1953 and I hope to live here for the rest of my life. If I was not lucky enough to be born in this country, I consider myself Bolivian anyway, because I believe that the place where one has freely chosen to live, where one has been received, is more decisive for one's national identification, and not the place where one was born, without any initiative of one's own.”

From his religious perspective, he also stressed the primacy of social commitment; for Fr. Lefebvre, as a priest of the Catholic Church, the spiritual dimension was insufficient if it was not intimately linked to the social dimension: “Can the most beautiful lesson of catechism interest these people in misery: the underfed, the unemployed, the

malnourished and the homeless, if it does not help them to get out of their misery?"

"... to be the presence of Christ and of the Church in the midst of a suffering world and to seek with the people the remedies to these evils: that is why [it is important to have] study circles with the men of the slums and community development projects".

But, for Fr. Lefebvre, this commitment should not be just a declaration, a show of good intentions, but should be witnessed by life itself, by action: "to be an effective witness of Christian life in the midst of people of all ideological, political, religious, anti-religious tendencies"; this commitment therefore requires "...all the love and all the courage necessary to risk one's skin."

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## ANNIVERSARIES - SEPTEMBER 2021

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### 75th Anniversaries of Vows

08/09/1946	08247	Fr. Francis Kavanagh	Lacombe
08/09/1946	08219	Fr. Oscar Pauwels	Lacombe

### 70th Anniversaries of Vows

08/09/1951	09449	Fr. Michel Courvoisier	France
08/09/1951	09112	Msgr. Adam Exner	Lacombe
08/09/1951	09634	Fr. Gabriel Gérard	Belgique et Pays Bas
29/09/1951	09164	Fr. Paschal Dillon	Anglo-Irish
29/09/1951	09165	Fr. Kevin O'Conor	Anglo-Irish

### 65th Anniversaries of Vows

08/09/1956	10774	Fr. François Carpentier	Cameroun
08/09/1956	10775	Fr. Gabriel Crugnola	France
08/09/1956	10206	Fr. Inno Gijberts	Belgique et Pays Bas
08/09/1956	10212	Fr. John Greene	Lacombe
08/09/1956	10664	Fr. Louis Haag	France
08/09/1956	10213	Fr. Stanislaw Heller	Pologne
08/09/1956	10198	Fr. Bernard Pinet	Lacombe
08/09/1956	10769	Fr. Lucien Vivant	France
08/09/1956	10211	Msgr. Gerald Wiesner	Lacombe
26/09/1956	10219	Fr. Neil Macaulay	Peru
29/09/1956	10788	Bro. Francis Flanagan	Anglo-Irish
29/09/1956	10973	Bro. Nicandro Macera	Mediterranea

### 65th Anniversaries of Ordinations

09/09/1956	09096	Fr. Roland Leclair	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
16/09/1956	08982	Fr. Austin Cooper	Australia
16/09/1956	09164	Fr. Paschal Dillon	Anglo-Irish

### 60th Anniversaries of Vows

08/09/1961	11487	Fr. Joseph Bois	General Administration
08/09/1961	11497	Fr. Jacques Chapuis	Indonesia
08/09/1961	11591	Fr. René Colin	France
08/09/1961	11145	Fr. José De Fruyt	Belgique et Pays Bas
08/09/1961	11149	Fr. Camillus Josephus Degrieck	Belgique et Pays Bas
08/09/1961	11156	Fr. Joseph Jacek	Lacombe



08/09/1961	11542	Bro. Wayne Jarvo	Lacombe
08/09/1961	11157	Fr. Teodor Jochem	Pologne
08/09/1961	11598	Fr. Terrance McNamara	Lacombe
08/09/1961	11144	Fr. Marinus Nijsten	Belgique et Pays Bas
08/09/1961	11141	Fr. Miguel Pipolo	Brazil
08/09/1961	11541	Bro. Grzegorz Szymaniuk	Pologne
08/09/1961	11134	Fr. Johan Van Calbergh	Belgique et Pays Bas
08/09/1961	11137	Fr. Ad van der Meijden	Belgique et Pays Bas
15/09/1961	11160	Fr. Costante Baron	Mediterranea
15/09/1961	11162	Fr. Marcello Sgarbossa	Mediterranea
29/09/1961	11172	Fr. Anthony Clancy	Anglo-Irish
29/09/1961	11166	Fr. Michael McMahon	Australia
29/09/1961	11524	Fr. Dermot Mills	Anglo-Irish

**60th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

08/09/1961	09908	Fr. Richard Philion	United States
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**50th Anniversaries of Vows**

01/09/1971	12098	Fr. Daniel LeBlanc	United States
08/09/1971	12193	Fr. Alojzy Chroszcz	Cameroun
08/09/1971	12161	Fr. Wladyslaw Koziol	Pologne
29/09/1971	12121	Fr. Paolo Archiati	General Administration
29/09/1971	12119	Fr. Natalino Favero	Mediterranea
29/09/1971	12166	Fr. Liam Griffin	Anglo-Irish
29/09/1971	12116	Fr. Mario Merlo	Mediterranea
29/09/1971	12118	Fr. Stefano Messina	Mediterranea

**50th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

11/09/1971	11783	Fr. Armand Le Gal	Lacombe
25/09/1971	11788	Fr. Mario Brandi	General Administration

**25th Anniversaries of Vows**

08/09/1996	13796	Fr. Britto Lourdusamy Aloysius	Colombo
08/09/1996	13690	Fr. Sylvester Antony	Jaffna
08/09/1996	13827	Fr. Gulber Brutus	Haiti
08/09/1996	14005	Fr. Dipok Andrew Costa	Colombo
08/09/1996	13829	Fr. Jean Bernard Dervil	Haiti
08/09/1996	13828	Fr. Juscar Dutreuil	Haiti
08/09/1996	13795	Fr. Nilushan Prabath W. Fernando	Colombo
08/09/1996	13866	Fr. Lal Pushpadewa W. Fernando	Colombo
08/09/1996	13818	Fr. Lakshman Chryshantha Fernando	Colombo
08/09/1996	13835	Fr. Sony Jabouin	Haiti
08/09/1996	13832	Fr. Jean-Hérick Jasmin	General Administration
08/09/1996	13830	Fr. Rubens Jean-François	Haiti
08/09/1996	13759	Fr. Falanka Claude Lukuba	Congo
08/09/1996	13831	Fr. Pierre-Laurent Maxime	Haiti
08/09/1996	13857	Fr. Onkiel Augustin Mulele	Brazil
08/09/1996	13718	Fr. Sergiusz Panczenko	Pologne
08/09/1996	13783	Fr. Witalij Podolan	Pologne
08/09/1996	13938	Fr. Jean Pascal Rabemanantsoa	Pologne

08/09/1996	13899	Fr. Pervez Raza	Colombo
08/09/1996	13800	Fr. Arun William Rozario	General Administration
08/09/1996	13711	Fr. Khaliq Saleem	Colombo
08/09/1996	13833	Fr. Pierre Gérard Sincère	Haiti
08/09/1996	13646	Fr. Marcin T. Szafors	Pologne
08/09/1996	13713	Fr. Daniel Szewc	Australia
08/09/1996	13717	Fr. Roman Tyczynski	Pologne
08/09/1996	13714	Fr. Rafal M. Wleklak	Mediterranea
09/09/1996	13876	Fr. Noël Doolalila	Cameroun
24/09/1996	13657	Fr. Ismael García	Mediterranea
24/09/1996	13655	Pref Apos. Mario León	Mediterranea
24/09/1996	13656	Fr. Rafael Martín Villanueva	Mediterranea
28/09/1996	13740	Fr. Sandro Mauro	Mediterranea
28/09/1996	13799	Fr. Antonio Messeri	Cruz del Sur
28/09/1996	13819	Fr. Francesco Montesano	Mediterranea

**25th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

01/09/1996	13426	Fr. Gordon A. Cook	Lacombe
14/09/1996	13346	Fr. José Luis Castillo Villegas	Mexico

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**75th Anniversaries of Vows**

11/10/1946	08770	Bro. Pasquale Valiante	Mediterranea
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**65th Anniversaries of Vows**

15/10/1956	10781	Fr. Xavier Mandron	France
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**65th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

14/10/1956	09034	Fr. José Gago	United States
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**60th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

22/10/1961	10296	Fr. Jean Nieruchalski	Pologne
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**50th Anniversaries of Vows**

04/10/1971	12108	Fr. Ryszard Sztylka	Pologne
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**50th Anniversaries of Ordinations**

02/10/1971	11558	Fr. Richard Kelly	Lacombe
09/10/1971	11777	Fr. James Fiori	Lacombe
16/10/1971	11904	Fr. Glenn Zimmer	Lacombe

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19/10/1996	13326	Fr. Leo Philomin	Anglo-Irish
26/10/1996	13343	Fr. Mahlomola Raynold Sekoto	Southern Africa

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**Suffrages for our Deceased (August-September 2021)**


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NAME	PROV/DEL	BORN	DIED AT	DATE
Fr. Michel Samson	France	13/06/1928	Angers	05/08/2021
Fr. Benjamin Moreboli Lepeli	Lesotho	30/09/1959	Maseru	05/08/2021
Fr. Anthony Bailey	Southern Africa	31/08/1940	Durban	10/08/2021
Fr. Guy Jalbert	N. D-du-Cap	07/03/1930	Richelieu	12/08/2021
Fr. René Villegas	Bolivia	18/04/1929	Cochabamba	13/08/2021
Fr. Eugène Lapointe	N. D-du-Cap	08/05/1932	Richelieu	17/08/2021
Fr. Robert Loison	France	03/06/1932	Marseille	31/08/2021
Fr. Supriyanto Simon Heru	Indonesia	28/10/1969	Yogyakarta	05/09/2021
Fr. Thomas Singer	United States	01/03/1932	Belleville	06/09/2021
Bro. Albert Bernard	N. D-du-Cap	25/09/1935	Richelieu	07/09/2021
Fr. Radomiro Orlando Mollo Vargas	Bolivia	03/02/1969	Cochabamba	08/09/2021
Fr. Lester Kaufmann	OMI Lacombe	11/04/1929	Saskatoon	12/09/2021
Fr. Casimir Milan	France	17/02/1934	Marseille	19/09/2021
Fr. André Grimonpont	France	17/07/1930	Marseille	20/09/2021
Fr. James Deegan	United States	20/07/1944	Buffalo	20/09/2021
Fr. Terrence O'Connell	United States	11/07/1950	Peabody	23/09/2021
Fr. Brendan O'Sullivan	Ireland	11/07/1925	Inchicore	23/09/2021
Fr. Robert Bernardin	OMI Lacombe	26/08/1927	Winnipeg	28/09/2021

“They are before God, bearing the sign, the kind of character proper to our Institute,  
the vows common to all its members, the firm habit of the same virtues.

We are linked to them by the bonds of a special charity.

They are still our brothers and we are theirs.

They now live in our mother-house, our main residence.

The prayers and the love they retain for us will one day draw us to them  
and we shall live in our place of rest together with them.”

*(Letter of Founder to Fr. Courtès, 22 July 1828)*

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