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**Letter from the Superior General
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Dear Brother Oblates and my Sisters and Brothers who live the Oblate Charism,

Happy feast day! The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary brings us great joy. Through Mary's intercession we are renewed in our missionary oblation at the service of the poor and most abandoned.

This feast day is an occasion to give thanks to the entire Oblate family for your dedication and creative outreach in the midst of the pandemic. You have been serving courageously in very difficult situations, bringing the consolation of faith and the strength of the sacraments to those who have been afflicted by the covid virus and to their families. The efforts you made to find ways to connect people, to support and to grieve with them when dealing with the loss of a loved one, have been true expressions of St. Eugene's audacity and his tender heart!

Along with spiritual comfort, you have also been giving of yourselves to make available food, medicine, masks, gloves, soap, sanitizing gel, etc. for those who did not have access to such products. You have been available to organize and give rides for those who needed to get to the hospital, to church, to doctors' offices, etc. You have cooked food for others and have served good food with loving care. This has been a tremendous witness of courage, solidarity and charity. Congratulations and thank you!

As this situation continues with us, other important concerns for the Church and the

Congregation call for our attention. The theme of the 2022 General Chapter has been announced: "Pilgrims of Hope in Communion." Animation materials that will help us reflect on the theme of the General Chapter and to prepare for it will be available in February. I ask everyone to pray to the Holy Spirit to fill the Chapter with a missionary vision and to guide the election of the new Superior General and his Council.

Since October, Pope Francis has moved the Church into the synodal process of listening and discerning. in dioceses all around the world. Many of you have already participated in this process in your local dioceses, making your contribution from the perspective of the Oblate charism as lived by vowed and lay people. The members of the General Administrations of religious institutes will be participating also. Our contribution to the Synod will be given to the Union of Superiors General by February 2022.

Another very important concern is the Laudato Si' Action Platform to which our Congregation is committed. Pope Francis has called us to an ecological conversion, and this Action Platform is meant to involve us in concrete ways of caring for our common home and for the poor. Provinces, Delegations and Missions are asked to initiate concrete steps to promote a healthy environment, thus caring for the gift of God's creation and for the poor. Parishes, small ecclesial communities, schools and universities, youth groups, retreat centers, etc. are called upon to respond. Many Oblates are already engaged in this effort and we are called to increase and widen our actions, uniting with others of good will.

Our Congregation, together with Lay Associations, is engaged in preparing for the Second Oblate Lay Associations Congress (2 OLAC 22) which will take place from May 27 to 29, 2022. Called by the 2016 General Chapter, this congress will celebrate the collaboration, charism and history of the various ways lay people are associated to the OMI Congregation. The central working team is organizing this international event as a hybrid congress, namely, partly by physical presence and partly by on-line participation. The Regions are already holding various meetings in preparation for this congress, which promises to be very lively.

We will soon see the establishment of the new mission in Ghana, our first presence in that country. The team, Father Hyacinth Nwaneri (Cameroun), Brother Rafal Dabkowski (Poland) and Father Daniel Aliou Mane (Senegal) have been here at the General House participating in a preparation for the new mission. Many topics have been discussed such as interculturality, mission, Mary, community life, the history and spirituality of the OMI charism, and finances. The new mission will be established in February 2022 in the Diocese of Ho. Please keep this missionary adventure in your prayers.

We are within the year leading to August 15, 2022, the 200th anniversary of the special experience of St. Eugene as he blessed the image of the Oblate Madonna in the Chapel of the Mission in Aix en Provence. At a time of great discouragement and anxiety about the future of his small missionary band, he received the grace that this group would accomplish infinite good for the Church and be a source of great virtue. It was a visionary grace, and it forms part of the precious inheritance of the entire Oblate Family.

Let us be bold in claiming this grace for us today. Mary continues to journey with us in the joys and sorrows of our missionary life. We ask her intercession for our renewed missionary zeal, for a deeper quality of consecrated life, and for her assistance in our vocational efforts, so that new members will continue to join our Congregation and the Oblate Family. If the situation of the pandemic permits, I suggest that each Oblate Unit, together with the wider Oblate Family, organizes a "Pilgrimage of Hope" in 2022. Walking together in communion on a sacred journey, to a Marian shrine or other Oblate holy site, will be an expression of our faith in the presence and blessing of the Mother of God upon the whole Oblate Family. We will experience her smile upon us. As pilgrim brothers and sisters, let us journey together in prayer, song, joy and forgiveness, with great simplicity and a deep family spirit. Let us count on the creativity, animation and energy of our Lay Oblate Youth around the world in assisting in the organization of the Pilgrimage of Hope in the Units!

We now conclude the year dedicated to St. Joseph. We pray to him as our patron, to help us be the Oblates as envisioned by St. Eugene: apostles, entirely given to the preaching of the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned, leaving nothing undared for the Reign of God. Let us heed the call of St. Eugene: In the name of God, be saints!

A very happy celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to all of you!

Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI
December 8, 2021

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL CHAPTER 2022 "Pilgrims of Hope, in Communion"

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are getting ready for their 37th General Chapter, which will commence on 14 September, 2022 in Nemi, Italy.

The Chapter theme, "PILGRIMS OF HOPE, IN COMMUNION", reminds us the Oblates that we are called to be in communion with one another and offer signs of hope in and through the living out of our charism and mission in these times of great calamity and despair.

The Pre-Capitular Commission, the team that is responsible for the preparatory process, led by Fr. Thomas OVALLE, has already gathered for several rounds of discussion (both virtually and in person). Attached is the letter that they sent to the Presidents of OMI Regions and Superiors of Provinces, Delegations and Missions, instructing them regarding the Unit Reports and Regional Reports. Of course, not every Oblate can be present in Nemi when

the Chapter begins. Nevertheless, it's been a long-standing tradition that all the Oblates will participate in the preparatory process as they reflect on the Chapter Theme and pray for the Chapter's success. Therefore, it is the intention of the Commission that the whole Congregation enters into "the spirit of the Chapter".

Further, the Commission hopes to make the Chapter Prayer and the logo available soon.

OMI-JPIC General Service as Implementation of Justice and Charity

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Introduction

In recent years, the OMI-JPIC General Service has shown that justice and charity are two effective pastoral attitudes of the Oblates in their commitment to the poor in our regions. Also, as an integral part of our pastoral activities in society, we are fully committed to the ministry of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation, with a main objective: the construction of the Kingdom of God through the mystery of the cross of Christ. Indeed, from the beginning of this year of grace 2021, several initiatives have been taken by our General Service, as part of a continuous effort to respond to our priority which is the evangelization of the poor in our missions. Therefore, our apostolic zeal and priestly charity can inspire us - especially in works of mission - to do everything possible for the good of others and for our own sanctification. (See: Preface, CC RR). In this way, our concern for justice, our desire to be peacemakers and to take care of God's gift of creation, will become prophetic signs of the Kingdom which is already among us today and which binds us together in charity and obedience. In short, our future advocacy for justice, peace and the integrity of creation will be reinforced by the virtue of charity as the expression of God's love for all of us.

Our views on the future of the General Service OMI-JPIC

In order to formulate our perspectives for the future of our JPIC General Service, we maintain six interrelated aspects with the common objective of responding to the

challenges of our time that struggle the path of justice and peace in the world.

First of all, we wish to continue as one oblate family in our interventions in defence of victims' rights. In this sense, we want to be close, communicative and integrated Oblates, as Fratelli Tutti teaches us. In fact, the questions of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of the Church, and also the concern of the artisans of justice, peace and respect for human dignity.

Secondly, we would like to build an OMI-JPIC service which would transcend the differences of origins, nationalities, colours and religions. As Pope Francis has said: only a Church modelled on mutual listening and reconciled diversity "can help the civil society to build itself in justice and fraternity, and thus contribute to a more beautiful and more human world for the future generations".

Thirdly, our future prospect of JPIC touches on the aspect of human dignity. It is possible by recognizing the dignity of each human person that we can reactivate the universal aspiration to brotherhood among nations. Thus, respect for diversity and opposing points of view allows us to broaden our understanding of the world and to approach the truth in the particular and critical situations that some of our countries are experiencing.

As an extension of the former, we dream of living a fourth aspect that considers JPIC as a ministry in which we work in synodality to be able to do "what the Lord asks of us". In fact, living the values of synodality as a dynamic pastoral dimension of the Oblates, is greatly necessary today.

In the fifth point, in view of carrying out our activities in synodality, combining listening and dialoguing with prayer and discernment, is fundamental. It also implies how profoundly we must listen and dialogue with other people in particular realities, such as: children in danger, abandoned young people, divided families, Afro-Americans and Indigenous people in their quest for equality and justice.

Finally, we will thus develop skills relating to pastoral planning such as: establishing a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults; the construction of a "safe home" in a Church which inspires respect and confidence for all; the witness of a Religious Life endowed with the virtues and values inspired in the joy of the Gospel.

Some aspects in our program that deserve greater attention

In addition to the joint reflection carried out by the OMI-JPIC Service and the General Commission for the Mission on *Laudato Sí*, we briefly highlight some aspects of our program which deserve special attention:

The first one is the campaign to invite all the Oblates of our Regions and Units to join the effort to facilitate a better communication among the animators of JPIC, with the aim of making possible a more fluid, warm and sincere animation.

In addition, we want to animate and strengthen an interpersonal relationship as a value of JPIC and to become an intercultural Service. This implies the development of a "culture of encounter and a spirit of synodality" as a deep call to our religious life; as a "people of God traveling together" as the Pope Francis said.

A third aspect that holds our attention today is the need for a prevention program to protect children in danger, young people and vulnerable adults, and even our Oblates in mission *ad extra*. Such need means among other things, an awareness raising for the sexual identity in order to acquire an emotional maturity in the logic of a real interpersonal relationships. In short, we are talking about becoming a JPIC service in action for human development and personal freedom.

Finally, we propose to configure a renewing vision as Oblates in relation to ourselves and to the nature. So in terms of the ecology, we want to promote harmonious actions with the nature in all our pastoral grounds and become a "green OMI Congregation" in harmony with the dynamics of the *Laudato Sí* action.

Briefly, how can we work together?

First of all, we can work together from our fidelity to the teachings of Saint Eugene, as brothers of the same Congregation. In this way we can live our consecrated celibacy as a sign of perfect charity (see C.15). Always in fidelity to the Founder's testament, fraternal charity must support our zeal for the salvation of each of our members (see C. 37). By rendering service and joyfully practicing charity among all, subsequently the love of God and the peace of Christ abide in us (cf. Saint Eugene, 1826). In the same manner, our vow of perseverance - from which we publicly bear the witness of our attachment to our religious family and our definitive commitment to his mission - (see C.30), we will empower us to act by all dynamism possible and compatible with the Gospel, in order to reduce among us the causes of oppression and poverty of our peoples (see R 9a).

Similarly, we will be able to work together through the sharing of information on cases of human rights violations and in the training of our members. So that, they are able to face effectively the challenges of our Oblate Units. More particularly, we can walk together in the field of a concrete cooperation with the JPCI General Service, for a major efficiency. Indeed, it will be necessary to update our office in different ways with potentials and instruments that allow us to give better attention to the poor and be closer to them.

Another reason for our need to work and walk together is our dynamic presence at the international groups and institutions such as Vivat and AEFJN. We may continue to show our motivation in this kind of partnership that justified us in our charism in favour the poor. These days, we are resuming our cruising speed in terms of our mission and our constant presence close to the people. But, we need your support and generosity for

better clairvoyance in some of our programs, and in consolidating our commitment to the environment from our institutions, works and pastoral places. On behalf of our discernment, our work together aims at the phase of a direct cooperation and sustained supervision of our specific regions, such as Asia, Africa and Latin America: including Oblate formation within the framework of sensitivity on the importance of the JPIC and environmental protection.

Finally, we can work together in a more generous way to become precisely Companions in Mission. And thus, we will be able to discern on the theme of safeguarding the rights of our peoples and work for the prevention of situations of injustice in our ministries. For this, we want to offer to our trainers and colleagues the opportunity to acquire knowledge and skills to ensure proper support for formandi; to generate a climate of confidence between our employees and future animators, while adopting some practices and policies for safe activities inside and outside our houses.

Conclusion

Two years ago, the Pope Francis stressed the need for a world community based on the principles of solidarity and mutual assistance. In the same logic, this is a call for conversion which highlights the concern of OMI-JPIC's service for migrants, displaced persons, refugees and victims of human trafficking. Moreover, it is also a call to give an immediate humanitarian response to the globalization of indifference and to the situations of injustice in the world today. As a first step to concretize God's plan in the life of the people, it becomes necessary a fraternal dialogue between all the responsible actors and witness to the values of justice, peace and the defence of human dignity. (see P. Francis, Rome 14/01/2018 and 2/2/2018). In addition, by promoting free and open conversation on the challenges of our time, it would become easier for us to jointly look for solutions to some practices of injustice, for the well-being of all. To conclude, we can work together towards a greater acceptance of the reality of synodality as an accurate missionary process, starting from the witness and the commitment of our religious life.

AFRICA-MADAGASCAR

CAMEROON

Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Oblate presence in Cameroon

The Province of Cameroon celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Oblate presence in the country this year.

The first Oblate missionaries arrived in Cameroon in 1946. As one would imagine, it was a rather daring step to begin a Catholic mission in such a remote and rural outpost in the country at that time. However, the vision of the missionaries has proven to be providential and the Province has grown considerably over the past seventy-five years. This jubilee year has been an opportunity for the Oblates in the Province to remember the past with gratitude and, above all, to envision the future with enthusiasm.

The celebration opened its doors on Wednesday September 8 with the renewal of vows, the first profession and the perpetual profession of our Oblate brothers from Chad, Nigeria, Cameroon, Senegal, Togo, Madagascar. The event took place at the parish of Saint Pierre de Garoua with more than 3000 people present at the occasion.

The following day, September 9, was another memorable day of celebration at the mission station of Garoua, in North Cameroon. There we made an 'environmental gesture' to commemorate the jubilee. Each novitiate batch, starting with the oldest class, has planted a tree and/or a flower plant in the courtyard. It was a moment of joy because in doing so, we prayed for those who could not continue this path with us and for those who preceded us to the Father's house. The same evening, a religious musical concert took place with about 8 different choirs from the parish, the choir of the Yves Plumey

Scholasticate and the novices of the Blessed Joseph Gerald Novitiate. The scholastics and the novices presented some of the original songs they had composed for the jubilee year.

The morning of September 10 was reserved for paying homage and for prayer for our deceased brothers who went to Eternal Rest before. All those who were present gathered in the Oblate cemetery located in the Garoua Mission compound to pray.

Later in the evening, we had a conference on the theme "OMI: 75 years later, how to move forward with hope?". The conference was moderated by Fr Edmund HIMBO. The panelists who surrounded him were the Oblates Frs. Ferdinand OWONO NDIH, Christmas DOLALILA and Martin HAPMO. They presented the following themes:

- The historical trajectory of the Oblates during the last 75 years.
- The pedagogy of the Oblates: to make man human, Christian and holy.
- A holistic view of the pastoral and catechetical aspects of the Oblates.

Present at the conference were the Archbishop of Garoua with more than 600 listeners in the parish hall and outside the parish hall.

On Saturday September 11, the celebration began with the planting and blessing of the cross at the esplanade of the Cathedral of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus of the Archdiocese of Garoua by the Archbishop Mgr. Ambassa Faustin Ndjodo and the provincial, Fr. Ferdinand OWONO NDIH in the presence of the representative of the Head of the State, the governor of the region, the Oblates and many other well-wishers.

At the end of the blessing of the cross, all gathered in the parish church of Saint Pierre de Garoua for the Holy Mass presided over by the Archbishop and concelebrated by Mgr. Antoine Ntalou, the Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese, Mgr. Barthelemy Yaounda, Bishop of the Diocese of Yagoua, Fr. Gruber VINCENT, Provincial of the Province of France, Fr. Ferdinand OWONO NDIH, Provincial of the Province of Cameroon, Fr. Louis DIEUDHIEU, Superior of the delegation of Senegal and many other Oblate and diocesan priests.

The Holy Eucharist was marked by the priestly ordination of four Oblate deacons and the diaconal ordination of two other Brothers in perpetual vows.

During his homily, the Archbishop reminded the faithful of the importance of celebrating God's favours, so that his Word is made known and his love manifested. Finally, he invited everyone to be servants of the Church since the Church needs each one of us to build the Lord's Kingdom.

Before the end of the Mass, the Provincial of Cameroon thanked the whole Oblate family, including the lay associates and the Oblate youth, for their commitment and dedication. He expressed in a particular way his gratitude to the Head of State for having responded favorably to our invitation and his presence through the Minister of Territorial Administration of Cameroon.

As the Province of Cameroon continues with the Jubilee Year, they invite the whole Oblate family to be united with them in prayer as they seek to make all things new in Christ (cf. Revelation 21:5).

ASIA-OCEANIA

COLOMBO

The Enrichment Program for the Post-Novices in the Region of Asia Oceania

The Oblate Scholasticate of Mary Immaculate, Kandy, Sri Lanka, joined the five-day Enrichment Program from 26th October to 29th

October 2021, organized by the Asia-Oceania Formation Committee (AOFC) in collaboration with the Oblate School of Theology (OST) via zoom. Our community had the privilege of participating in the program together with the rest of the Oblate Scholastic Brothers in the region of Asia-Oceania, viz., Australia,

Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Jaffna-Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. It was indeed a good move for the Oblate Scholastics living in the Asia-Oceania region, although separated by different cultures, languages, provinces, and countries for we all belong to one family of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Certainly, this program deepened our understanding of the vision of Our Founder and of the Congregation, Charism, and the Oblate values. The program revolved around the theme: "Internalization of Oblate Values."

During the course of these five days, we were asked to reflect on the few central themes that our Founder, St. Eugene De Mazenod, envisioned such as the love for the Church and Mary Immaculate, recognition of the need for the salvation, zeal for the salvation of souls, the spirit of reparation, the striving for perfection etc. We were also able to explore the topics related to the Oblate world and in fact the Charism and the Mazenodian Spirituality.

We offer our deepest sentiments of gratitude to the OST team who were the resource persons in conducting the program. Needless to say, that this program was very much enriching and motivating us, the young Oblates, to be well-prepared here and now for the mission awaiting. It truly gave us a glimpse and helped us to broaden our horizons of mission and Oblate way of religious life that our Holy Founder envisaged. St. Eugene was recognised by Pope Paul VI as "a man who was passionately in love with Jesus Christ and unconditionally committed to the Church." We, his sons too are invited to commit ourselves fully for the greater good of the Church through the Congregation in serving the poor and the most abandoned.

Our charism is a gratuitous gift of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, being in the Holy Grounds we are dealing with the things of God and not of the things of men as rightly said by Fr. Frank Santucci, OMI in his presentation on the Oblate Charism. Fr. David Munoz, OMI rejuvenated the Mazenodian Spirituality with its implications. He said that as St. Eugene was burning with love for Jesus and the Church, he

was deeply disturbed on seeing the condition of the poor and the most abandoned and committed himself by his entire life for this cause. Further, Fr. Bonga Majola, OMI in his talk on Internalization of Oblate Values said that we are born for the mission and we exist for the mission for we are invited by Christ Himself to follow and to share in His mission. He went onto say that we should own and live the book of Constitutions and Rules as it is integral to the Oblate values. The importance of Apostolic community was emphasized by Fr. Thomas Klosterkamp, OMI while making ourselves aware how to live actually the Oblate values in a more practical way today. He also said that we are still learners yet we are missionaries and our mission in formation is clearly defined. Thus, he reiterated on the personal relationship with Christ, if not one lacks a solid foundation. It is really amazing the manner that Fr. Cleber Lopes, OMI integrated all what we learnt in a holistic way. For him an apostolic man has a sacred history to share and he should celebrate forgiveness, the mercy of God, with others for one's brother or sister is not divine but a person with human frailties. All these talks were interconnected and complementary to one another and much inspiring.

We also had the opportunity to discuss in small groups certain questions pertaining to the theme in order to have a better understanding of the inputs shared; these were held in zoom breakout rooms. Fr. Julito Dela Cruz, OMI initiated and helped us in this regard. It is really a cherishing moment to share our life with the Oblate Scholastics right round the Asia-Oceania region and to create solidarity with them by way of exchanging news regarding the spirit of formation prevalent in different houses of formation apart from the questions given for discussion. This helped us, the future oblates, to have a close link with one another and to have a broader picture of the region as well.

All in all, we realized that the primary concern of the Congregation is to evangelize the poor. The Cross of Jesus Christ is central to our mission. We need to see the world through the eyes of the Crucified Saviour which He redeemed with His

blood. We are indeed merited to hear the words of Jesus, “The spirit of God is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor...” (Lk 4, 18). This missionary oblation and mandate should touch us personally as Oblates. A pivotal insight of Pope Francis is that, we are all missionary disciples and agents of evangelization. We therefore become, by our response, co-workers with Christ the Saviour

and we imitate his example. Thus, mission belongs to Christ and we are his co-operators.

This program was really an enriching treasure, and I am sure that we can start our life with a renewed mind-set. To conclude, I wish to quote from the Dictionary of Oblate Values: “Oblate life is not a system but persons who strive to respond to the call of Jesus Christ within the Church.”

COLOMBO

Revisiting the vision of Fr. Michael Rodrigo

Fr. Jude Shalinda, OMI

“Suba-seth-gedara” (House of well wishes) is an Oblate House that is situated in Buttala, a small town in southern Sri Lanka. The Founding Father of the mission was late Fr. Michael Rodrigo OMI. His primary objectives in living among the rural Buddhists in Buttala were to work for social justice and to be initiate a true inter-religious dialogue with them - a dialogue of life. Eventually he became a threat to the powerful of the area and he was brutally assassinated on November 10, 1987. The message and mission Fr. Michael left behind was liberation of humankind from all kinds of suppression and/or servitude.

At present, there are three Oblate priests residing at Suba Seth Gedara where the community continues to take forward the mission of Fr. Michael from where he left behind. The three Oblates: Frs. Marius Fernando, Savindhu Dinusha and Shalinda Jude took time to revisit the mission strategies, that had been utilized for the past years 34 after the death of Fr. Mike. We took time to discern together what our mission priorities should be.

We realized that lack of education, both formal and vocational, aimed at self-help development was the principle cause for poverty, bondage and discrimination. Therefore, we decided to focus our attention mainly to uplift the level of education of the children of the area.

Pre-School: This pre-school was started (built) during the life time of Fr. Michael to lay a sound foundation for the education of the village children as an initial stage of education. Two teachers are running the school on daily basis.

“La-Kri-Vi” Children’s Association: The vision and mission of La-Kri-Vi to serve as accompanists to children on their way for a new world. Children were seen as the best protagonists for building a new Sri Lanka where the diversity of cultures, religions and languages would bring all communities to unite in forgiveness for the past and craft a harmonious future for generations to come.

English classes: Recognizing the importance of English, a need of the children, we have started to offer English classes to the students from age 8 onwards. There are about 70 children. The English classes are being conducted by two Oblates.

Computer Lab: As a part of the Education programme, we have also begun a computer lab. Even though we live in a digital world, most of children in the vicinity do not have the access not only to internet facilities but also to a computer. We recognized them as part of the “new poor” and equipped the lab with 10 computers with accessories and a daylight projector. This computer lab will facilitate the language classes (coaching) as well as the Information Technology classes.

Library: Establishing a good library for the children was another major project. At present we have a small library but our target is to provide a substantially well-equipped library and help children create the habit of reading and researching. Recently we also started a “mobile library” – a van that carries books around the village for the children to come and read or borrow books. It was a need of the time as the country was in lockdown due to Covid-19.

Aesthetic classes: These classes, initiated to develop their inborn talents for fine arts, provide them opportunities to learn (theory and practice)

Music, Dance, Art. We hope this endeavor will broaden the minds of the children and help them become better human beings.

Scholarships: We came across many bright students who are struggling to have their basic school necessities and unable to participate in tuition classes due to the state of poverty in their families. Therefore, we have chosen very deserving 10 such children basing on their academic performances to provide financial assistance in order to continue their education uninterruptedly.

Other projects to enhance the living conditions
Sewing machines project: We bought 10 sewing machines and started training 10 village girls with the help of a professional teacher for an income generating project. Our aim is to produce clothes (T shirts, for the moment) to be sold at the open market. The profit we share with the girls and some of its income will be directed to the Suba-Seth-Gedara mission fund.

Project to create job opportunities: There are many women - among them widows and single mothers - who are unable to find a job due to the lack of job opportunities and inability to travel far from home. Therefore, the mission has organized a project to create some job opportunities to support them. We provide sewing machines for skilled women to work at home and earn their living. Our aim is to provide 10 machines according to funds available. So far we have been able to get them for two families.

INDONESIA

The Enrichment Program For Post Novices In The Region Of Asia Oceania: Internalization of Oblate Values”

Br. Johanes Maria Vianney, OMI

Monday October 4th to Friday 8th October 2021, the Wisma de Mazenod Scholasticate Community joined a five-day Enrichment Program which was organized by the AOFC (Asia Oceania Formation’s Committee) in collaboration with the OST (Oblate School of Theology) using zoom application. This online activity started at 18.00 and ends at 20.00 (Indonesia Local Time), maybe too early for San Antonio 06.00 am, maybe also too late for Australia 22.00 pm. This Enrichment Program was attended by

Poultry farm: The Mission Centre will provide initial funds for 30 families to start poultry farms. We provide 30 layer hens per family and after a year each family should provide 30 layer hens to the mission Centre. These will be given to another deserving family. Likewise, the process continues as an ongoing project.

In all our projects so far, we have worked out a strategy that those who are benefiting one way or the other, to contribute (financially or volunteer service) as their share or contribution. We want them to realize that our Centre is not a place that merely doles out money. Acts of mercy becomes a “grace” when there is participation by the beneficiaries – peoples’ participation! We need to offer our services in such a way that “the poor may be brought to full consciousness of their dignity as human beings and sons and daughters of God” (OMI Constitution. 8).

Our mission at Suba-Seth-Gedara is not primarily to do work of an NGO in view of village development. We are Oblates. As St. Eugene de Mazenod saw it, in order to be genuine Oblates two realities become urgently and necessarily inseparable and indispensable, namely religious life and apostolic commitment. We take this opportunity to thank our very generous anonymous donors for their contribution in our projects.

all OMI Brothers who were at the Post-Novice level throughout the Asia-Oceania region, from Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Australia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Colombo, and Jaffna. This enrichment program provided a deeper understanding of the Founding Father's charism and oblate values. On this Enrichment Program, the participants reflected a theme: “Internalization of Oblate Values”.

For five days, the participants were invited to explore topics related to the world of the Oblates and of course the charism of the Founding Father, Saint Eugene de Mazenod. Participants were also invited to present the Scholasticate in each area where they live. The dynamics of the short meeting lasted only about two hours, but could be managed into activities that enriched

the formandi. The OST team who are indeed competent in presenting topics helped all participants to understand clearly the meaning of the Oblate Values, the way to internalize the values and to actualize those into daily life.

What also very enrich the participants was a sharing group for 45 minutes which is held in a breaking room zoom whose aim is to deepen further the material that has been conveyed through personal and community experiences. From this short meeting, the participants were invited to communicate each other and get to know each other acknowledging that they came from different units. By sharing, of course, the participants were invited to understand and explore the Oblate values which are sometimes forgotten. Even Father Bonga who lives in the community of Aix en Provence France said that the basic strength of Oblate values comes from the Founding Father and also through spiritual worship in the community and most importantly the book of Constitution and Rules of our Congregation which should not be forgotten because it is a part of the Oblate values.

The Enrichment activity also invited the participants to think broadly about the world of missions and religious life. Even though

being a missionary is not easy, from the time of formation, Oblates have being trained to be ready to become missionaries, even if it's just learning. Learning is also part of the mission as said by Fr. Thomas Klosterkamp OMI in his presentation about actualizing Oblate values into practice. All of the presentation given by Oblate Fathers Frank SANTUCCI, David MUÑOZ, Thomas KLOSTERKAMP, Cleber LOPEZ, and Julito DELA CRUZ were interconnected and complimentary to each other. Those all really support our calling to serve the poor and most abandoned.

Finally, the participants were reminded again that all the process of this vocation journey comes from the Lord Jesus who has chosen us to be His disciples by being ready to become a missionary who is happy and full of joy proclaiming the Good News to poor people around the world with all their difficulties and challenges that come with it. We young Oblates are happy with our choice as religious missionary, and so grateful for everything we have a beautiful gift of the Oblate Charism. Oblate Charism is not something frozen in texts, but keep alive and dynamic in in the hearts of every Oblate whatever the changing context of world is.

INDONESIA

Worldwide Vision of the Oblate Mission: An Encounter in the Borderless World

Triennium 40th Anniversary of Wisma de Mazenod Oblate Scholasticate, Province of Indonesia

Sch. Henrikus Prasojo, OMI

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Wisma De Mazenod, the Oblate Scholasticate of the Province of Indonesia, has been doing a Triennium Program since the year 2019 with so many activities. We divided the Triennium celebration into three parts which has its own theme for each year. In the first year (2019-2020), we deepened on the theme "Make them human"; the second year (2020-2021) "Make Them Christian"; and now the third year of the Triennium (2021-2022) "Make Them Saints" as a theme to be elaborated.

To celebrate this very solemn celebration, we organized some Oblate studies and prayers concerning the Oblate Charism as our main subject. We are reflecting that the call "To be Saints" according to the Oblate Charism is to go out from our orientation to reach out to others. Sanctity in the Oblate life is something dynamic, alive, not static, which is expressed through our service to others specially to evangelize the poor and the most abandoned. Beside deepening the Oblate Charism in the community through Oblate studies and prayers, we took the initiative to conduct virtual meetings with Oblates from other countries. These virtual meetings are provided by the scholasticate community using Zoom Application, and attended by other OMI Formation Houses here, namely: Blessed Joseph Cebula Prenovitate Community and Blessed Joseph Gerard Novitiate Community.

The first meeting conducted by our Triennium Committee was on Saturday, October 2nd,

2021. We had two great resource persons who shared their materials with us. They were Fr. Peter Stoll OMI (the General Counselor for Asia-Oceania Region) and Fr. Christian Fini OMI (the Provincial of Australia). Both shared with all participants about some actual issues which happen in their ministry as Oblates.

The Horizon of Oblate Mission in Asia-Oceania
The first one who shared with us about his ministry was Fr. Peter Stoll OMI. He told us his story about the general situation in our congregation. He shared about the whole situation of the congregation, the recent data of Oblate units and personnel, and also some facts which we could face around the world.

He began his presentation with a very beautiful wise word. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It is about learning to dance in the rain." Through these poetic words, Fr. Peter asked us to be able to anticipate any kind of unpredictable situation. We shouldn't just wait for the storm to pass; we have to work and do something just like dancing in the rain. He also shared about the kind of sessions in the general administration and its purpose.

After several minutes of presentation, the host gave the chance for the participants to give some feedback and also questions to find out more information. Some asked about the general administration policy during the covid-19 and the new missions. Some asked informative questions about data of some units, the community activities during the pandemic and also about the hope of Pope Francis to the Oblates. Brother Johannes Vianney OMI asked the most important things to do: how does Fr. Peter integrate his life between so many busy commitments, community life as well as spiritual life.

In the end of the meeting, Fr Peter highlighted some issues as advice for all the participants. He said that, "There is no easy mission, but each of us has to be able to rise up again. Don't give up but be prepared for challenging situations." Also, he gave us advice to have a strong missionary horizon and be available to be sent for a mission to other countries. In the context of multiculturalism and interculturality, we have to foster collaboration and sharing between Oblate units.

The second session began at 17.00 local time (GMT +7), a presentation about the Oblate mission in Australia by Fr. Christian Fini. He said that the Australian mission is a very difficult mission in this modern world. The secularism in the society, mistrust of religious institutions, and the very far distance between communities, the aging of the province and the small number of Oblates, also the Covid-19 pandemic are some main issues faced by the Oblate Mission in the Australian Province.

Despite the difficulties they have, Fr. Fini with the Oblates in Australia try to reach the most abandoned with their new faces of the poor. They serve in education sectors through some colleges (IONA College, Mazonod College). They accompany the vulnerable children and adults. With the Rosies mission they help the people to face the pandemic. They are grateful to have help from Oblates from other provinces and also have a supportive and collaborative lay association network.

In the open-question session, some of the participants asked Fr. Fini about many things. Beginning with the possibilities and requirements to do a mission in Australia and about some efforts to maintain the lay and youth associations in Australia. To answer the participant questions, Father Fini shared with us their ecclesiology ideas on how to do their mission. He highlighted that the main aim of the Oblates in Australia is to build up the "Church", not the building. They try to enrich and engage the people through social media and other appropriate activities. He spoke about cyber theology, the opportunity and positive approach during the pandemic Covid-19. Also, Fr. Fini shared about their ministry to engage and develop people by sharing the Oblate Charism. They have organised some simple Oblate courses and prayers.

At the end of his session, Father Fini explained his hope that there will be some brothers taking the doctorate study, and become lecturers in Australia. Also, he opens the opportunity to any Oblates to join in the mission. If there are some Oblates who come to Australia, he could then send Oblates from the Australia Province to have a mission in other countries, because they too dream to be a missionary. The most

important things that he mentioned in this meeting is the importance to pray for vocation and to foster vocations among the youth.

What a wonderful session to have an encounter with the Oblates in another country even if it's only through a digital platform. These sessions have been encouraging the participants with a missionary zeal especially for all the formands who are preparing themselves to become true Oblates according to the example of Saint Eugene. Enthused by a very rich encounter with Fr. Peter and Fr. Fini, the participants long and wait for the next agendas which has already been organized by the Triennium Steering Committee next month. These

monthly events will be conducted by other Oblates from other provinces, delegations and missions. There are some Oblates who have already accepted our invitation to share their mission in this borderless world through digital platforms. They are Fr. Slamowir Kalisz from China Delegation, Fr. Samuel Simsang from South-Korea Delegation, Fr. Bradley Rozairo from Japan Delegation and Father Bede from Mexico. Hopefully, this virtual encounter could open the missionary horizon of the Indonesia Formands and make us more available to be sent to the ends of the earth, to gratefully respond to the most precious call to be an Oblate, and witnessing to Christ in this modern world.

EUROPE

MEDITERRANEAN PROVINCE **“Go into the world with your heart immersed in God”**

By Paolo Ondarza
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The Pope receives thirty Oblate Missionary Cooperators of the Immaculate in the Vatican on the occasion of a double anniversary: the 70th anniversary of the birth of their Institute and the 20th anniversary of its pontifical approval.

Meeting with Oblate Missionary Cooperators of the Immaculate (COMI) on Saturday morning, Pope Francis encouraged them in a symbolic way to become like yeast: small, hidden, but full of faith, and "the larger the dough to be leavened, the richer the quality of the leaven must be".

He noted how being consecrated as a member of a secular institute "means living the spirit of the Incarnation in the time and place in which God has placed us."

Like Jesus, being present among all

"It does not mean taking refuge in a middle ground," the Pope added, "but fully sharing, like Jesus, the condition of ordinary people, the daily work routine, home life, neighborhood relationships, and so on, all animated by the light of faith, the warmth of charity, the horizon of hope."

Witnessing with courage in society

The call of the Missionary Oblates is to sanctify secular activities as a way to unite everything in Christ, to live among and work with others in union with God in order to sanctify their work and actions.

Pope Francis pointed them toward the hidden life of Jesus as an example to follow, whose ordinary actions had a divine value, even when carried out in hiddenness.

Inviting them to live their outreach in secular realms with courage, he noted, "the prophecy of secular consecration is incompatible with fear of dangerous places and situations. On the contrary, it is precisely these situations that are conducive to such consecration, there where people suffer exclusion, marginalization, or are harmed in their dignity."

Saints in the name of God

The founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), Saint Eugène de Mazenod, exhorted them to be saints in the name of God. Pope Francis underscored three aspects to live out this calling.

Prayer like oxygen

The Pope recommended first to be ready, living fully in the present, shunning applause and success, completely given to God and in relationship with Him, saying "prayer

oxygenates life: just as one cannot live without breathing, so one cannot be a Christian, much less a consecrated person, without praying."

Give of yourself totally

Second, he noted that being an Oblate means giving of oneself totally to God without reserve as Jesus did by "dying on the cross," showing us that "life is love that asks for love."

MEDITERRANEAN PROVINCE

"On the steps of St Eugene in Palermo"

Fr. Maurizio Vella OMI and Vincenzo David S. Eugene de Mazenod, Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, in his exile in Italy, was in Palermo (the capital of the Italian island of Sicily) for almost 4 years, from 6 January 1799 to 11 October 1802.

Since 2014, on the initiative of Vincenzo David, with the collaboration of Ileana Chinnici COMI and other lay people who share the Oblate charism, the tour "On the steps of St. Eugene in Palermo" began with the aim of making people visit the places frequented by Eugene more than 200 years ago.

Consequently, the idea for this video was born, first in the mind of Fr. Maurizio Vella OMI and then the lay Oblate associate Vincenzo David, who does not pretend to be exhaustive about the experience of the young Eugene: he only wishes

UKRAINE

Oblates begin ministry in the Lutsk diocese

At the invitation of Bishop Vitaly Skomarovsky, the ordinary of the Lutsk diocese, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate began their ministry in three parishes of this diocese, namely: the parish of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Rokytno, St. Thomas in Tomashgorod and St. Barbara in Klesov. Until the takeover, these parishes had been under the care of the priests from the Congregation of the Pallotines.

As noted by Fr. Pavlo Vyshkovskiy OMI, Superior of the Delegation, "This decision was not easy for us, because in view of the fact that today the Church in Europe and Ukraine is experiencing

He admitted that this road is not comfortable or easy, "but it is the road of peace and joy."

Trust in God as exemplified by Mary

Finally, the third aspect he underlined is to have the same trust in God that the Blessed Mother had, imitating her in listening to and accepting God's will, "so that his Word might take flesh in us as well."

to recall his presence by making visible some of the places he frequented, offering glimpses of a city to be discovered. For a more direct experience, participation in the "Tour of St Eugene in Palermo", which takes place directly in the city, is recommended.

The video was published on YouTube on 11 October 2021, the day Eugene left Palermo in 1802 to return to Aix. In reality, he never left the city entirely: his presence still continues in some way today.

The language of the short documentary film, which lasts for 36 minutes, is Italian. However, the work is underway to dub it into English, French and Spanish as well.

Of course, the video does not claim to be professionally perfect but it will certainly help us look deep into the life of the Founder who was living in exile. Enjoy watching it: S. Eugene is waiting for you in Palermo!

a lack of clergy and consecrated persons, and we ourselves find it increasingly difficult to find priests and brothers to ensure the functioning of 11 Oblate houses on the territory of our Delegation. But taking into account the numerous invitations of Bishop Vitaly Skomarovsky as well as his predecessor and taking into account the Lutsk diocese is not far from the place where the Servant of God Fr. Ludwik Wrodarczyk OMI served the faithful, we decided to set up our first house at the territory of the Lutsk diocese. We were able to respond to this invitation only on the grounds of the closure of one of our houses. This kind of decision is always difficult and it required profound recognition, as well deep reflection and discussions. During our Delegation Council as well as at the Oblates general meeting, we were thoroughly reflecting whether it was God's will."

This year, the Delegation Council in consultation with the Provincial Superior and the General Counsellor of for Europe, decided that the Missionary Oblates will set up a house in Rokytno, Volyn Oblast, for an initial period of 6 years.

We perceive the invitation to the Lutsk diocese as an urgent need of the Church, the duty of a positive response comes out of our vocation. After all, the charism of the Missionary Oblates is to respond to the needs of the local Church and to go out with the Good News to the abandoned and the poor.

Despite the less number of brothers and priests belonging to the Delegation, we wish to continue the work initiated by our brother, the Servant of God Fr. Ludwik Wrodarczyk OMI, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and spreading of the Kingdom of God in this long-suffering land. In one of the letters to his family Fr. Ludwik wrote: "Martyrs are the seeds of Christianity,

therefore, where at the beginning of the mission the missionary suffers martyrdom, there, later, the seeds of God's Word bear the most abundant fruit." We believe that these words will relate to our mission in the Volyn land.

As of the 29th of August, 2021 Fr. Pawel Tomys OMI, the superior of the community as well as the parish superior at Rokytny, Tomashgorod and Klesov, and Fr. Romuald Opelka OMI, the treasurer of the house and the parish vicar of the above mentioned parishes began their ministry there. Delegation Superior, Fr. Pavlo Vyshkovskiy OMI officially announced the launch of the new community of the Congregation by decree and introduced Fr. Pawel Thomys OMI as its superior. On the next day, the Missionary Oblates visited the places where Fr. Ludwik Wrodarczyk OMI had served and eventually experienced a martyr's death.

POLAND

A new Oblate Cause for Beatification

Recently, Archbishop Stanisław Gądecki, the Archbishop of Poznań, Poland, has officially accepted the request of the Provincial of Poland, Father Paweł Zajac OMI, to open a new Cause of Beatification and Canonization: that of the Oblate Scholastic Alfons Mańka (1917-1941). The archbishop also set as the day and date of the first session of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Poznań: next November 27 in the Oblate parish church of Christ the King in the territory of the Provincial House of the Oblates in Poznań (in Ostatnia street, 14). Thus, the Congregation and the Church have a new Servant of God: the scholastic Alfons Mańka. Thus, he became the fourth Polish Oblate in the process of beatification and canonization (after Venerable Antoni Kowalczyk and Blessed José Cebula and the Servo of God Ludwik Wrodarczyk a). In fact, during the process of beatification of Father José Cebula it was already considered to include the scholastic Mańka in the same Cause. However, with the need to make a quick decision, in the end it was decided to leave Father Cebula as the sole representative of the Oblates in that great common Cause of the 108 Polish martyrs during the Second World War who were beatified in 1999.

The great interest and devotion to him maintained in the parish of his native town and the documents preserved by the Alfons family, including a spiritual diary of the Servant of God during his novitiate, have made many people feel attracted to Alfons Mańka in recent years. After some steps, finally the Provincial of Poland asked the Superior General for permission to officially request the Church to initiate the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Mańka. After hearing the opinion of the Postulator, Father Louis Lougen granted the permission on June 12, 2019. Since then, work has been done to receive the necessary permits from the Church not only to open the Cause, but also to do so, not in Austria, where Alfons died, and where therefore, it would have been appropriate to do the diocesan trial, but in Poznań since a large part of the documents and the main witnesses are in Poland.

Thanks to the enormous work of the Vice-Postulator for this Cause, Father Lucjan Osiecki OMI, and his collaborators, in a few days we will have the first session of the court in which the different officials who will intervene during the Process will take the oaths that canon law requires. to be able to act on behalf of the Church in this investigation.

Scholastic Alfons Mańka died on January

22, 1941 as a result of the brutal treatment received in the Nazi concentration camp of Mauthausen-Gusen (Austria) during the violent Nazi persecution against the Catholic Church in general, and against the Polish clergy in particular. through mass deportations of priests, religious and seminarians to concentration camps. Many other Oblates died in this persecution, one of whom, as stated, has already been beatified: Father José Cebula.

During the process, all civil and ecclesiastical archives will be searched for new documents that may shed light on the investigation. Testimonies will also be collected from people whose statement may be important to the Cause. Another objective will be to verify the existence of the common opinion that Alfons Mańka died as a true Christian martyr and also the widespread reputation that people experience the intercession of the Servant of God when they pray to him. In the coming days, especially around November 27, the date of the first court session, new materials will appear both in the official

resources of the Congregation (<https://www.omiworld.org/> page and its social networks linked), in the digital media of the Postulation (<https://www.facebook.com/PostulatioOMI>) and on the official page of the Cause of Mańka (<https://manka.oblaci.pl/>) and of the Oblates of Poland (<https://oblaci.pl/>).

The Oblates of the Province of Poland have already prepared devotional materials in relation to the figure of Alfons Mańka, pictures and also other prayers, such as a Stations of the Cross with meditations of the Servant of God, which will be translated into other languages.

It is important to extend the knowledge and devotion to the Servant of God Alfons Mańka, as well as the other Servants of God, Venerables and Blesseds of the Congregation so that everyone can reach the Canonization. Most of these Causes all they need for the Beatification or Canonization is to present the documents that prove a miracle obtained through their intercession.

LATIN AMERICA

BRAZIL

A week of vocational animation

Bro. Rivaldo Teixeira de Carvalho, OMI

The Oblate Province of Brazil organized a vocational animation programme called “Week of Coexistence,” with vocation aspirants. It was held in Aparecida de Goiânia, in the Central-West District, where the Oblate Missionaries work with the poor and the most abandoned, from October 7th to 13th, 2021.

The theme of the event was: “Be you also an Oblate Missionary! - through the Word of God we listen to Christ who saves us and sends us on a great mission”

The aim of this week was to deepen vocational discernment and create bonds of brotherhood of love, living day-to-day community life in the charism of our Father Founder, to respond generously to the call of Jesus.

These days were intense moments of self-knowledge, coexistence, prayer, listening, sharing, community work, with the presence of a psychologist, a laywoman, and several Oblates including Fr Lindomar FÉLIX, Fr. Kleber de FARIAS, Fr. Patrick URIAS, Bro. Rivaldo CARVALHO, and the Oblates of the Midwest District.

Young people who are eager to respond generously to their vocation in our religious family expressed their openness and desire to live the missionary charism of St. Eugene de Mazenod by taking the side of the most vulnerable in society.

Programmes such as this certainly help us create a vocational culture in our communities and missions, encouraging young people to follow the Oblate missionary life. So be it! May St. Eugene de Mazenod and Mary Immaculate intercede for these young people, so that they will respond to the Master's call with zeal and courage!

HAITI**Priest rescued by “the hand of Mary” during earthquake in Haiti**

By Max-Savi Carmel

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As Haiti slowly recovers from an earthquake that killed thousands, Fr. Albert Cator's story is inspiring amazement and thanksgiving.

“There’s no doubt that the hand of Mary was there,” says Fr. Ellince Martyr, provincial superior of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), of which Fr. Cator is a member. Fr. Jean Marcel Louis, spokesman for the diocese of Cayes (in the south of the country), told Aleteia that he “immediately thought of the Mother of Christ.”

Fr. Albert Cator was in the bathroom when the terrible earthquake occurred, catching him totally off his guard. At the Seminary of Mazenod (about 138 miles from Port-au-Prince), the three-story house, where he lived on the first floor, literally collapsed on him. He then waited for more than five hours for help.

At the Provincial House in Port-au-Prince, Fr. Albert Cator spends hours each day, somewhat traumatized, sitting in the courtyard, his thoughts constantly turned to the events of that eve of the Assumption. At 62 years of age, with a story that has moved the entire diocese of Cayes, the religious is resting and healing here.

Does he need psychological care? His answer is clear: “Prayer and the support of my community are already enough.” A passage from the Bible particularly carried him through this ordeal: “I cried out, my Lord, my God.”

The priest, who is visually impaired, was in the bathroom when he heard a deafening noise and felt the whole building shake.

“The three floors collapsed,” he says, and “a violent movement of the bathroom suddenly disoriented me ... Without this movement

imposed by the force of the earthquake, I would have had difficulty breathing because it trapped me under a mass of concrete but in front of an air hole,” Fr. Cator explains. “I then understood that nothing happens by chance.”

As for the rescuers, given the risks, they could only dig him out with their bare hands while regular aftershocks kept forcing them to retreat. “But when they reached me, the aftershocks miraculously stopped,” he said. “It was the hand of Mary,” concluded a smiling Fr. Martyr, who was present during our interview.

The seminary, fortunately empty

The rubble—a pile of stones and the first floor of the building swallowed by the earth—testifies to the violence of the shaking. Founded in 1816 by Eugene de Mazenod, a Frenchman, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate have been living in this seminary near Campérin, 13 miles from the city of Les Cayes, since 1945. However, because of summer vacation, the 20 or so seminarians and employees were absent.

“If they’d been there during vacation, the toll would probably have been higher,” said Fr. Jacques, another member of the congregation.

Already in 2008, Fr. Cator had miraculously survived another natural disaster: a flood. Just when he feared the water would carry him away, a barrier gave way by surprise, emptying the house that was filling up to nearly over his head.

Two years later, he was in Port-au-Prince during the January 2010 earthquakes that killed 250,000 people. He was having trouble walking, and Fr. Cator cannot explain “how he found himself outside of a church in an earthquake” when he was supposed to say Mass.

In the meantime, despite his reduced mobility and impaired vision, he thanks “Mary, from the bottom of his heart.” Sitting next to him, his superior “hopes for more and more miracles for the flourishing of faith in the Church.”

ANNIVERSARIES - NOVEMBER 2021

70th Anniversaries of Vows

01/11/1951	09653	Fr. Philippe Alin	France
01/11/1951	09838	Bro. Damien Proulx	Notre-Dame-du-Cap

25th Anniversaries of Ordinations

15/11/1996	13235	Fr. Marcelo Jr. Andamon	Philippines
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ANNIVERSARIES - DECEMBER 2021

70th Anniversaries of Ordinations

22/12/1951	08331	Fr. Gustave Pelletier	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
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65th Anniversaries of Ordinations

09/12/1956	09266	Fr. Bruno Carpenne	Mediterranea
09/12/1956	08845	Fr. Fortunato Muffolini	Mediterranea
22/12/1956	08938	Fr. Edward Carolan	Anglo-Irish
22/12/1956	08916	Fr. Christie Joachimpillai	Lacombe
23/12/1956	09543	Fr. Paul-Emile Poulin	Notre-Dame-du-Cap

60th Anniversaries of Vows

08/12/1961	11601	Fr. Emilien Nadeau	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
08/12/1961	11603	Bro. Willibald Raab	Central European

60th Anniversaries of Ordinations

16/12/1961	09870	Fr. Anthony Colbert	Australia
21/12/1961	10029	Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser	Lacombe
23/12/1961	09794	Fr. Richard Wolak	Lacombe

50th Anniversaries of Ordinations

08/12/1971	11883	Fr. Antonio Pannunzi	Lacombe
10/12/1971	11722	Fr. Derrick Butt	Southern Africa
16/12/1971	10260	Fr. Herbert Krumscheid	Namibia
18/12/1971	11794	Fr. Charles Deeney	Anglo-Irish
18/12/1971	11888	Fr. Wieslaw Lyko	Pologne
18/12/1971	11781	Fr. William Mason	United States
18/12/1971	11887	Fr. Ronald Meyer	United States
18/12/1971	11670	Fr. Gilberto Piñón Gaytán	Mexico
18/12/1971	11789	Fr. Luigi Vitulano	Mediterranea
21/12/1971	11793	Fr. Francis Murray	Anglo-Irish

25th Anniversaries of Ordinations

07/12/1996	13226	Fr. Mardones Jaime Cereceda	Cruz del Sur
07/12/1996	13342	Fr. Tebogo Joseph Jantjies	Southern Africa
14/12/1996	13417	Fr. Marcos José de Lima	Brazil
14/12/1996	13357	Fr. Saverio Fabiano	Mediterranea
16/12/1996	13421	Fr. Chinnappan Sandhappan	India

Suffrages for our Deceased (October-December 2021)

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Fr. Julien Belin	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	06/10/2021	Vire	19/02/1931
Fr. Hervé Aubin	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	07/10/2021	Richelieu	11/08/1927
Bro. Lucien Allaire	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	08/10/2021	Richelieu	13/09/1927
Bro. Edmond Côté	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	14/10/2021	Richelieu	05/04/1937
Fr. Waclaw Gospodarczyk	Poland	20/10/2021	Lubliniec	28/09/1931
Fr. André Durand	France	24/10/2021	Lyon	16/11/1930
Bro. Aurèle Gallant	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	06/11/2021	Richelieu	25/08/1932
Fr. Stanislaw Czyz	Poland	11/11/2021	Lubliniec	09/05/1932
Fr. Edmund M. Gnanapragasam	Jaffna	13/11/2021	Columbuthurai	01/12/1944
Fr. Volker Grunwald	Central European	13/11/2021	Hünfeld	08/02/1932
Fr. Maurice Provencher	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	14/11/2021	S.J.s.Richelieu	11/04/1933
Fr. Heinrich Mayer	Central European	14/11/2021	Fulda	29/11/1936
Fr. Harry te Plate	Belgium & Netherlands	23/11/2021	Nijmegen	05/04/1933
Fr. Noël Poisson	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	25/11/2021	Richelieu	14/12/1933
Fr. Robert Godin	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	29/11/2021	Trois-Rivières	13/07/1931
Bro. Joseph Wucher	France	30/11/2021	Strasbourg	30/04/1933
Fr. Jean-René Pelletier	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	13/12/2021	Richelieu	03/01/1935
Fr. James Towell	Southern Africa	15/12/2021	Pretoria	23/03/1931

“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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