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Ordination to the Episcopate of Father Pierre Jubinville, C.S.Sp.



On Saturday, December 21, 2013, Father Pierre Jubinville, C.S.Sp. was consecrated bishop of the Diocese of San Pedro Apóstol in Paraguay in the cathedral of the same name.

Pierre Jubinville was born Friday, August 5, 1960 in Ottawa, Canada and entered the Spiritan formation program in Montreal in 1979. He did his novitiate in Farnham, Quebec and professed his first vows in August 1981. After several years of university studies in theology at the University of Montreal from 1981 to 1984, he did his OTP in Kongolo, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) from 1985 to 1987. From 1987 to 1988 he pursued an intensive program of studies at the Institute of Integral Human Formation of Montreal. He made his perpetual profession in 1988 and was ordained a deacon in the same year on the Feast of Pentecost. On Saturday, September 17, 1988 he was ordained priest. From 1988 to 1990, he completed his studies of science and theology of religions at the Catholic Institute of Paris.

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Ordination to the Episcopate... (continued)

In 1991, he served as a missionary in the parish of El Pujal in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. From the end of 1991 to 1996, he went to Paraguay where he worked in the parish of San Jose Obrero in Choré located in the Diocese of San Pedro Apóstol. He continued his pastoral mission to Paraguay in the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in Lima in the same diocese. Still working in the Diocese of San Pedro Apostol, from 1996 to 1999, he served as Formator of the aspirants and postulants of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit at Fernando de Mora from 1999 to 2010. He was Superior of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Asunción, Paraguay, from 2008 to 2011. During the General Chapter of 2012 held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, Father Pierre Jubinville was appointed First Assistant to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Rome. Appointed Bishop by Pope Francis on November 5, 2013, he left his position as First Assistant in November 2013 to return to Paraguay to prepare for his consecration as bishop on December 21, 2013.

He was ordained bishop by three consecrating bishops including Bishop Oscar Páez, Bishop Emeritus of Alto Paraná, Bishop Adalberto Martínez Flores, Bishop of the Armed Forces and the National Police, and Archbishop Claudio Gimenez, Bishop of Caacupé and president of the Paraguayan Episcopal Conference. At the conclusion of the episcopal consecration, Bishop Pierre Jubinville took canonical possession of the diocese of San Pedro Apóstol and, therefore, became the fourth pastor of the diocese. The first three bishops of the diocese were Bishop Oscar Páez Garcete (1978 to 1993), Bishop Fernando Armindo Lugo Méndez (1994 to 2005), and Bishop Adalberto Martínez Flores (2007 to 2012). The Eucharistic celebration was attended by many bishops of the Paraguayan Episcopal Conference as well as several priests, religious and laity. Fathers Serge Hogue, C.S.Sp. (Superior of the Generalate community in Rome) and Father José de Sousa, C.S.Sp. (General Treasurer) represented the Superior General, Father John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., and the Generalate community during the ceremony. Father Michel Boutot, C.S.Sp., Provincial Superior of the Province of Canada, was also present to represent his colleagues from the Province of Canada and North America.

Congratulations to Bishop Pierre Jubinville, C.S.Sp. Since he has devoted his life to the Holy Spirit, we believe that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and lead him in paths of truth, charity and hope. We assure him of our prayers and our fraternal support.

(Translated from an article in Mission-Air, published by the Province of Canada. Pictures are credited to Michel Boutot, C.S.Sp.)

Episcopal Coat of Arms



Translation:
Into your hands, O Lord, I begin.



March-April 2014 Provincial Message

I recently celebrated the funeral for my Uncle Jim who was the last survivor of my mother's siblings. It was striking when I read the obituary to see the names of an entire generation listed as deceased. My mother's parents had six children and thirty-six grandchildren. When we gather for the Finegan family reunion each year which now includes the great great grandchildren of my mother's parents, there are close to one hundred people who attend and that only represents a thirty percent response rate. It made me realize first of all how much the younger generations owe to those who went before us and how we have been shaped by their lives. It made me even more cognizant of the responsibility that the next generation has to keep the family legacy alive and thriving.

Multiply that a hundred times in terms of what that means for us as descendants of Claude des Places and Francis Libermann and a thousand times in terms of what it means to be Disciples of Christ and members of the Family of God. We have a tremendous legacy of faith and powerful call to be witnesses to the transformative presence of God in our lives and the world around us. We are the recipients of a tremendous gift and we have the great responsibility of sharing this Good News as widely and freely as we can. Each day we become more deeply aware that our providential God has created us, abides with us, and gives us the Spirit. Filled with this Spirit, we are sent to share this gift freely in the same way that it has been given to us so generously.

Whether we speak of the old or new evangelization, it is all about coming to know and love our God revealed in Jesus. A high school confirmation candidate wrote in his letter requesting the sacrament, "God has been so good to me. I want everyone to know who God is." Is there any better description of evangelization than this?

One of the great church documents is the encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Evangelization in the Modern World, 1975) by Pope Paul VI. The pope presents a powerful vision of evangelization and the various methods for doing that essential mission of the church. Like St. Paul, Pope Paul VI wrote about the Holy Spirit's activity: "It must be said that the Holy Spirit is the principle agent of evangelization: it is he who impels each individual to proclaim the Gospel, and it is he who in the depth of consciences causes the word of salvation to be accepted and understood" (#75).

I came to know God and the power of the Holy Spirit first through the wonderful witness of faith and love that I experienced in my family. I feel blessed to be part of a Congregation and a Church dedicated to share the Good News of God's love for all people. We have a great legacy that has been handed down to us, and with that comes a tremendous responsibility to spread the Good News in all that we do. I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to empower us to be good evangelists, sharing the good news with our words and lives which proclaim God's love.

We need NEWS for the NEWSLETTER!

The Newsletter needs your help. We are interested in obtaining articles related to what you are doing in your ministry and local communities, and we invite you to send pictures, articles, and any news you may have to share to usnewsletter@spiritans.org or mail them to the Provincial Office, attention Mary Winkler. We are always looking for material and we are depending on you to inform us! Thank you.

PRAYING WITH EVANGELII GAUDIUM

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. ...With Christ joy is constantly born anew. ... I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.” (Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation EG. No. 1*)

Together: *Come, Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts with the gospel joy!*

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (cf. 1 Jn. 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the out-cast. (EG. No. 24)

Together: *Come, Holy Spirit rekindle in us the passion for God’s mission.*

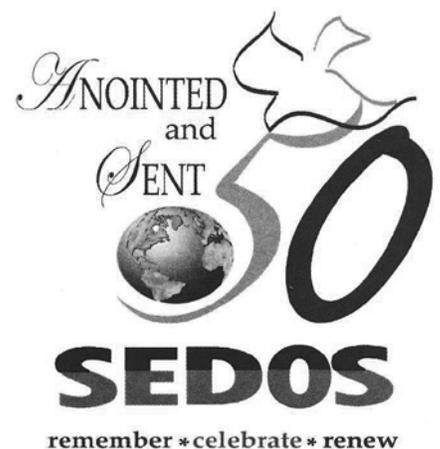
I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation. The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light: as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, ... (EG. No. 27)

Together: *Come, Holy Spirit rekindle in us the passion for God’s mission.*

“Pastoral ministry in a missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: ‘We have always done it this way’. I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities. A proposal of goals without an adequate communal search for the means of achieving them will inevitably prove illusory.” (EG. No. 33)

Together: *Come, Holy Spirit, ignite in us that spirit of boldness and creativity so that we may open ourselves to your motions and so renew our Vision of the SEDOS mission for the years to come.*

Together: *Mary, Star of the new evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel,
wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones,
pray for us.
Amen. Alleluia! (EG. No. 288)*



Vatican: Pope Francis Rings in New Year With New Pastoral Guidance

January 20-27, 2014 From CNS, Staff and other sources

The Gospel cannot be proclaimed “with inquisitorial beatings of condemnation. No, the Gospel is preached gently, with fraternity and love,” with an open heart “always longing” for God, like that of St. Peter Faber, Pope Francis told 350 fellow Jesuits at the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The pope had joined his order on January 3 for a Mass to celebrate both the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, the titular feast of the Society of Jesus, and the canonization of Peter Faber, a founding member of the Society of Jesus and the first of the Jesuits to be ordained a priest.

That was not the only guidance Pope Francis had to offer. In an effort to discourage careerism, Pope Francis has abolished the conferral of the pontifical title of “Monsignor” on secular priests who are under the age of 65. Pope Francis also ordered a revision of what he called outdated Vatican norms on the relations between religious orders and local bishops in order to promote greater appreciation of the orders’ distinctive missions. That move was revealed on January 3 in the Italian Jesuit magazine [La Civiltà Cattolica](#), which published a detailed report on the pope’s closed-door meeting with 120 superiors general of religious orders from around the world that took place on November 29.

During that meeting, Pope Francis referred to “Mutuae Relationes,” a set of directives issued jointly by the Congregation for Bishops and the Congregation for Religious in 1978, which say that the “right to autonomy” of religious orders should never be considered as independence from the local church. “That document was useful at the time but is now outdated,” the pope said. “The



charisms of the various institutes need to be respected and fostered because they are needed in dioceses.”

The pope, who until his election in March 2013 served as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and formerly served as superior of the Jesuits’ Argentine Province, said he knew “by experience the problems that can arise between a bishop and religious communities.... The involvement of religious communities in dioceses is important,” the pope said. “Dialogue between the bishop and religious must be rescued so that, due to a lack of understanding of their charisms, bishops do not view religious simply as useful instruments. ”Noting the growth of religious orders in Africa and Asia, the pope acknowledged challenges to evangelization there, including correct adaptation of Catholic teaching to local cultures, as well as a temptation to exploit poorer societies as sources of vocations. Pope Francis said that sensitivity is needed not only when crossing geographical boundaries, but social

and cultural frontiers as well.

“The situation in which we live now provides us with new challenges which sometimes are difficult for us to understand,” he said, noting that Catholic teachers must be prepared to “welcome children in an educational context, little boys and girls, young adults who live in complex situations, especially family ones.”

The pope added that seminary directors too must be sensitive to the needs of those in the formation process of religious orders, encouraging them to engage in sincere and fearless dialogue with their instructors. “Formation is a work of art, not a police action,” Pope Francis said. “We must form their hearts. Otherwise we are creating little monsters. And then these little monsters mold the People of God. [This really gives me goose bumps.](#) “Just think of religious who have hearts that are as sour as vinegar: They are not made for the people,” the pope said. “In the end we must not form administrators, managers, but fathers, brothers, traveling companions.”

2014 PROVINCIAL RETREAT

June 2-6, 2014

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

Detroit Michigan

Please mail your response by May 2, 2014 to the Provincial Office
or via email to suazocssp@aol.com

Thoughts about Dan Sormani, CSSp – 2014 CSSp Retreat Director

A native of Bay Ridge in Brooklyn, NY, Dan Sormani comes from a rich cultural background which has served him well on his Spiritan journey. His father was an Italian immigrant and his mother came from a large Lebanese family which made fitting in and learning languages a natural to him.

In his college years he experienced the Mexican-American people in South Texas, a location of many immigrant families. While there, he met Fr. Michael Grey, CSSp who was assigned there at the time as a Spiritan seminarian.

Fluent in at least seven languages including Arabic and Chinese, Dan converses easily and gives good narratives

of events. His early assignment to Algeria where he spent nine years provided much exposure to Islam and the people of North Africa, and the reality of living as the “foreigner” sometimes in very dangerous situations which only toughened this Brooklyn native. He did Arabic studies in Rome during this time as well.

Assigned to the first Spiritan mission in the Philippines in 1997, he is currently participating in the foundational work in Asia as formation director of the post-novitiate in Manila. In addition to his formation responsibilities, he teaches a Theology course at Ateneo University in Manila where he shares the Spiritan charism and challenges his students to think outside the box.

We are fortunate that Dan has accepted to extend his home leave to preach the annual Spiritan retreat in Detroit on June 2-6. He is well known in the Philippines and Canada as an uplifting spiritual guide, and we look forward to his inspirational stories as we gather together for our yearly spiritual event. He will be back in the states during the months of April and May where he looks forward to some rest and relaxation while finding some time to return to the homeland in Bay Ridge.



Our New Website is Now Live: Check it Out!

Michael Begley, CSSp

The site development phase of our new website is now completed and can now be inspected at www.spiritans.org and you are invited to check it out! In developing this website, our aim was to address the main limitations of the former site. These included: the emphasis on words as opposed to photos and videos to tell our Spiritan story, the absence of social media platforms and other interactive features to engage visitors, the lack of prominence afforded to electronic fund raising possibilities, and insufficient attention given to the maintenance requirements to keep it current and up-to-date.

With these in mind, we wanted to create a fresh, less wordy, more colorful presentation of the life of the US Province. We also wanted our digital front door to tell the broad Congregation story but with greater detail on the US Province. Consistent with these objectives, the homepage, and the entire site, was constructed with more emphasis on visual and interactive features. You will notice that you are first greeted by a worldwide map which is designed to show our worldwide footprint. While on the homepage, there is music in the background which can be periodically changed. A new “Donate Now” facility has been installed while you can order fair-trade coffee using “Spirit” as the allocated password. A “News from the Field” section is also given prominence. The rationale for these changes was to tell our story more vividly and visually while making it easier to navigate for end users.

So, how can you use this site to tell your story? The menu bar gives you five choices and under these, you will find the sub-menus. Browse through these and identify the section/s that most attract your interest. Let me draw your attention to just some of these. In the “What We Do” menu, the second sub-menu draws you to “Discovering the Spiritans” which is now presented through multiple videos. Under the “Support Us” menu, you will notice that our annual mission appeal schedule is highlighted while there are also new links to “Planned Giving” and “Donate Now”. The “Join Us” menu is devoted to encouraging Vocations, and collaboration with Lay Spiritan Associates and more. Additionally, there is a new “Resources” menu. Its sub-menus feature e-copies of our Provincial Newsletters, Spiritan and Catholic publications and Spiritan prayer resources, as well as selected website links. On every page, you will see on the right hand side, links to the interactive social media platforms of Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, much cherished by younger people.

Of course, the operational phase remains a ‘project in progress’. It will need to be continually revised and updated. In the future, we hope to add new sections on Justice and Peace, Volunteers, Thought for the Day and Our Mission History in the US. Multiple editors have already been identified and assigned defined areas of responsibility. They have also received an introductory training on Word Press.

We want to know, how can we tell your story better? One way would be for you to provide us with crisp photography as well as sending us the stories and updates you wish to share. Additionally, we also welcome you general comments and feedback on the site, including any suggestions for additional videos. These can be forwarded to Fr. Jeffrey Duaine at usprovincial@spiritans.org.

Finally, I wish to extend a word of sincere appreciation to all of you who have so generously contributed to the crafting of our new website. Thank you!

Pre-Retirement Workshop for Priests in their 60s

Redefining Retirement as a Spiritual Journey: Finding new purpose, new meaning and new directions in whatever retirement may bring.

“Encore Priests” is the newest ongoing formation program from Saint Meinrad’s Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. Our workshop for priests in their 60s is designed to prepare them for transition into a retirement that is both meaningful and vital. April 21-24, 2014 on the campus of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana. Registration is limited. More information and registration at...

<http://www.saintmeinrad.edu/priests-ongoing-formation/retirement-workshop/>

Archives: How to Use Your Archives

I have found working in our Provincial Archives to be a fascinating experience - a record of persons, places, and events of our history which more than inform, but also specifically answer our questions, celebrate our lives, and motivate some changes. Confidentiality? That's a good question to answer. Aren't the records private? Yes and no. It is good to understand the divisions of our archives.



Persons - with regard to personnel files there are two types: Living and Deceased.

Living archives are always private, secure from all without the specific permission of Father Provincial. That means data about a confrere is available to the major superior alone. As we know, this category is the focus of some litigious activities today. Constant vigilance needs to be kept in this regard.

Deceased. When a confrere dies his file moves to another category after the Provincial has expunged all irrelevant material. Some confidential matters might be judged as worthy of being kept in a sealed envelope initialed by the major superior as "restricted, only with permission from him to be viewed". This constitutes about 1% of our archives.

The second category of archives concerns Places. Here one finds records about our works, our foundations, our mission areas. This also contains some few photos which, if properly identified, serve our history well.

A third section of archives contains written minutes of past meetings of the Council, provincial and general. Here there are useful records of former formation centers, programs, and rosters. Occasionally, there are found the "journals" kept of events - usually written by a seminarian. Much correspondence is found here between the faculty and supervisors of formation. A final section is a storage of works written by the confreres on various religious and secular topics.

Now a word about use of our archives. In the last year we have served some very interesting inquiries. For example a few: A graduate student doing doctoral research on African American ministry, specifically by a woman graduate of our Marksville school. Likewise, another man wanting to know about the CSSp involvement in integration. The Blessed Sacrament Sisters are working on a project about St. Emma Academy of Powhatan, VA. Three of their Sisters spent several days exploring our files. A Jesuit alumnus of Ann Arbor organizing a reunion of former students was searching for contacts of his time. Another man strongly influenced by a Spiritan priest was anxious to learn more about him. A class of nuns celebrating their 50th anniversary of vows was looking for more information about Fr. John Baney who had a good influence on their formation. We have also been working with Bro. Joe Cannon to provide photos and biographies of every Spiritan who was assigned to Holy Ghost Prep for a project he's working on. Finally, a saint is recorded by way of a letter of reprimand! St. Katharine Drexel reminded a Spiritan pastor that he had moved a building belonging to her without her permission!

A final word. A high debt of gratitude is owed to Fr. Henry Koren who worked tirelessly to organize the archives in years past. I shudder to think of what he would say of our efforts today! So, the archives are here for the Congregation. That means for you! Let us serve you!

Fr. Tom Byrne, Archivist

Finding Purpose

One Day at a Time

Each of us is born with a longing for God and loving Him is our destiny. There is a beautiful description of this found in the catechism of the Catholic Church that reads “God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and He has destined us to share in that exchange.”

Our longing for God is constant, therefore this sweet exchange is meant to happen every day. Unfortunately, we often confuse our longing for God as a longing for temporal things and our priorities shift. This results in a lack of contentment and joy that comes on so subtly, we lose track of our purpose and begin to live lives of quiet desperation. It starts to look something like this:

We buy more, but enjoy it less;
We have more conveniences, but less time;
We spend too recklessly, laugh too little, and drive too fast;
We get angry too quickly, stay up too late, and get up too tired;
We read too seldom, watch TV too much, and pray too little.
We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values;
We’ve learned how to make a living, but not a life.
We have more degrees, but less common sense;
We have more knowledge but less judgment;
More medicine but less wellness;
We’ve conquered outer space but not inner space;
We’ve cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.
This is life in the 21st century.
Our culture is too busy, too noisy, and there’s too much going on in our lives.

Mother Theresa once said, “The language of God is silence.” If that is true, which I believe it is, I suggest that God’s voice is being drowned out by the circumstances of our lives. We can certainly change it if we want. But in order to do it, we must begin to live our lives on purpose.

I was watching “Good Morning America” recently and the anchors were discussing the new Will Ferrell movie that also stars a Dodge Durango truck. The filmmakers decided to write the truck into the script as a means of subtle advertising. Again, we are a media target. Radio, TV, movies, Facebook and Instagram are all trying to sell us something. Billboards on the road, TVs in the doctor’s office, screens at the bank, screens at the mall, and screens inside your table at some restaurants... we are constantly barraged by media influence. Advertisers tell us (and our children) we’ve “gotta have it,” we “NEED it,” and “just do it.” Marketing is clever and marketing is constant. As a result, we, as a society, are constantly craving. But what about our longing for God? What about our purpose to love? What about our eternal destiny?

In order to create a positive shift in our lives we must learn to take the focus off our “outer” desires and begin to place it on our “inner” selves. We need to stop concentrating on what we don’t have and focus on what we do have. We have Christ. And even if we have nothing else but Him, He is enough. We must be careful not to let the noise of our lives drown out the calling of our hearts.

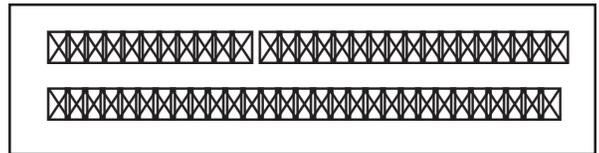
My heart has heard you say “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”

- Psalm 27:8

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Finding Purpose (Continued)

“Our lives change when our habits change.”



Try carving out 10 minutes a day for silence.
There are many ways to do this.

- 1) Keep a gratitude journal and write down three things a day you are grateful for. Thank God for those three and all that is yet to come.
- 2) Read scripture and meditate on The Word using devotional books or a study bible.
- 3) Meditate using rote prayer or speak with God from the deepest recesses of your heart.
- 4) Tell God you are sorry for your sins.
- 5) Very simply, just say the name of Jesus over and over, pushing all thoughts aside, until the noise of the world becomes distant hum and the peace of God flows through you like a gentle wind.

Meditation and prayer will warm your heart, quiet your mind, and console your spirit. Making meditation and prayer a habit takes time, but it is time well spent. Commit to 10 minutes a day, every day. I believe this small investment has the power to change your life. Remember, the language of God is silence and in the silence, your heart will hear Him speak.

by Deb Dell, ICF Certified Life Coach for *Faith Pittsburgh*

Follow Me
and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19

God bless these Spiritans on their Anniversaries of Ordination

65 Years	Fr. Francis W. Wright	June 3, 1949
60 Years	Fr. John J. Costello	June 3, 1954
60 Years	Fr. Silvio A. D'Ostilio	June 3, 1954
60 Years	Fr. Norbert T. Rosso	June 3, 1954
60 Years	Fr. John L. Yates	June 3, 1954
55 Years	Fr. Leonard J. Tuozzolo	June 4, 1959
50 Years	Fr. William R. Headley	June 3, 1964
50 Years	Fr. Edward J. Marchessault	June 3, 1964
40 Years	Fr. William Smith	June 15, 1974
35 Years	Fr. Michael T. Grey	June 16, 1979
15 Years	Fr. Paul M. Flamm	June 26, 1999
10 Years	Fr. Duc G. Luong	May 29, 2004

PRESENTATION OF YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:

Awaken the World with Prophetic Witness that recalls the Witness of your Founders

Vatican City, 31 January 2014 (VIS) – This morning in the Press Office of the Holy See, Cardinal Joao Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and Archbishop Jose Rodriguez Carballo, O.F.M., secretary of the same congregation, presented the Year for Consecrated Life 2015. It was called for by Pope Francis at the end of his meeting with 120 superior generals of male institutes, at the suggestion of the heads of the aforementioned congregation on having heard from many of the consecrated.

“First of all,” Cardinal Braz de Aviz said, “this Year dedicated to consecrated life has been prepared in the context of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and, more specifically, on the 50th anniversary of the publication of the conciliar decree on the renewal of consecrated life ‘Perfectae caritatis’. ... Because we recognize these 50 years that separate us from the Council as a moment of grace for consecrated life, as marked by the presence of the Spirit that leads us to live even our weaknesses and infidelities as an experience of God’s mercy and love, we want this Year to be an occasion for ‘gratefully remembering’ this recent past. This is the first objective of the Year for Consecrated Life.”

“With a positive look at this time of grace between the Council and today, we want the second objective to be ‘embracing the future with hope’. We are well aware that the present moment is ‘difficult and delicate’ ... and that the crisis facing society and the Church herself fully touches upon the consecrated life. But we want to take this crisis not as an antechamber of death but as ... an opportunity to grow in depth, and thus in hope, motivated by the certainty that the consecrated life will never disappear from the Church because ‘it was desired by Jesus himself as an irremovable part of his Church’.”

“This hope,” he concluded, “doesn’t spare us—and the consecrated are well aware of this—from ‘living the present passionately’, and this is the third objective for the Year. ... It will be an important moment for ‘evangelizing’ our vocation and for bearing witness to the beauty of the ‘sequela Christi’ in the many ways in which our lives are expressed. The consecrated take up the witness that has been left them by their respective founders and foundresses. ... They want to ‘awaken the world’ with their prophetic witness, particularly with their presence at the existential margins of poverty and thought, as Pope Francis asked their superior generals.”

For his part, Archbishop Rodriguez Carballo explained the initiatives and events that will take place during the Year for Consecrated Life, which will begin this October to coincide with the anniversary of the promulgation of the conciliar constitution “Lumen Gentium”. The Year’s official inauguration is planned with a solemn celebration in St. Peter’s Basilica, possibly presided by the Holy Father, which could take place on 21 November, the World Day ‘Pro orantibus’. Still this November, it would be followed by a plenary assembly of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the theme of which would be “The ‘Novum’ in Consecrated Life beginning from Vatican II”.

Various international events are also planned for Rome, among which would include a meeting of young religious and novices, those who have professed temporary or final vows for less than ten years, a meeting for spiritual directors, an international theological conference on consecrated life dedicated to “Renewal of the Consecrated Life in Light of the Council and Perspectives for the Future”, and an international exhibit on “Consecrated Life: The Gospel in Human History”. For the conclusion of the Year for Consecrated Life another concelebration presided by Pope Francis is planned, probably for 21 November 2015, 50 years after the decree “Perfecta caritatis”. Every four months throughout the year,

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**Please join us in Prayer
for the recently departed:**

Anna Marie Steinbeiser, 89, mother of Steve Steinbeiser from Duquesne Campus Ministry (liturgist and music director for many province retreats and Chapters), February 7.

James Finegan, uncle of Provincial Fr. Jeffrey Duaine, March 5.

Edith Thomsen, 92, aunt and Godmother of Fr. Chris Promis, in CT, March 7.

Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions

April · Ecology and Justice. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

· Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

May · Media. That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

· Mary's Guidance. That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

**Our Best Wishes for a Very Happy Birthday to these Spiritans
who celebrate Birthdays during the months of April, May and June**

April

1 Fr. William R. Headley
11 Fr. Daniel S. Sormani
20 Fr. Hein V. Do
23 Fr. Ned T. Marchessault
26 Fr. John Kwofie
29 Fr. Adrien T. Hebert

May

9 Fr. Edward J. Caron
13 Fr. Josephat Msongore
20 Fr. Naos McCool

June

2 Fr. Paul M. Flamm
8 Fr. Joseph F. McDonough
8 Fr. Jean-Pierre Kapumet
17 Fr. Michael T. Grey
19 Fr. Jean-Michel Gelmetti
22 Fr. Raymond French
26 Fr. John A. Sawicki
26 Fr. William L. Smith
26 Fr. Leonard J. Tuozzolo
26 Fr. Freddy J. Washington
28 Fr. John Owusu-Achiaw

Awaken the World with Prophetic Witness that recalls the Witness of your Founders (continued)

the dicastery will publish a newsletter on themes related to consecrated life, the first of which will come out on 2 February of next year, entitled "Be Glad" and dedicated to the Magisterium of the Holy Father on consecrated life. In response to the Pope's wishes, the Antonianum Pontifical University in Rome will host a symposium on the management of economic goods and capital by religious from 8 to 9 March.

There will be a series of initiatives planned particularly for contemplative religious, including a world Chain of Prayer among monasteries. Archbishop Rodriguez Carballo also spoke of several documents that the dicastery is preparing. To that end, in close collaboration with the Congregation for Bishops and following a mandate by the Holy Father, the document "Mutuae relationes" on the relations between bishops and religious in the Church is being drawn up. Also, always on the mandate of the Pope, the instruction "Verbi Sponsa", which deals with the autonomy and cloistering of entirely contemplative religious, is being revised. Another document in preparation will deal with the life and the mission of religious while a fourth one will touch on the question of how consecrated manage goods in order to offer some guidelines and direction in the complex situations that arise in that area. Finally, during the Year of Consecrated Life, it is hoped that the Holy Father will promulgate a new apostolic constitution on contemplative life in place of "Sponsa Christi", which was promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Archbishop Nzapalainga, C.S.Sp. – The Voice of the Voiceless

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Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga, C.S.Sp., Archbishop of Bangui and president of Caritas in Central African Republic was recently on tour in Europe for more involvement of foreign countries in favor of Central African Republic.

Portrait of a man of faith as well as voice.

With a sweet but assertive voice, a benevolent smile but looking worried, Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga, C.S.Sp.

defines himself as a messenger of peace. He is a messenger of peace in a country at war where the population suffers due to internecine conflicts; a country where the poorest pay, every day, the highest price. A messenger of peace and singularly concerned for time, he was touring Europe in January with Imam Omar Kobine Layama appealing for greater involvement of European states and pleading the cause of the Central African people to the authorities as well as the media.

As Archbishop of Bangui, this is what he considers his role to be. “In the context of chaos that is going through my country, I am the voice of the voiceless,” he said without hesitation and without a hint of pride. “My role is to listen, gather, engage and bring the voice of the people to the decision makers.”

A missionary priest

This affection for his neighbor and his desire to help the weak have always been, in addition to his faith, one of the motivations which has directed the life of Dieudonné Nzapalainga .

As a young teenager he met a priest from his neighborhood who took care of the poor which led him to undertake theological studies for the priesthood in turn and follow a similar path. “Witnessing the actions of this man and seeing his dedication were a real inspiration for me. I immediately wanted to continue this work to help my fellow human beings” says the Archbishop.

Born in 1967 in Bangassou (Central African Republic), he began his training to be Spiritan priest at the end of high school as part of the Central Africa Foundation, before finishing studies in theology in Paris.

Ordained a priest in 1998 in his hometown, he began his missionary life in Marseille as chaplain of the house Saint François de Sales Apprentices of Auteuil. It was eight years before he returned to the Central African Republic, where he was appointed Diocesan Administrator of Bangui in 2009, and then archbishop in 2012 by Benedict XVI.

“I listen to their cries and turn them into prayers”

A spokesman on international relief and “shepherd” for his faithful, Dieudonné Nzapalainga does not forget the importance of a presence on the street, being in contact with the population. As President of



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Caritas in Central African Republic, he works to better coordinate the work of various local branches of the organization. He is also involved in the field, for example overseeing food distribution in cities and villages.

“Being on the ground and being among those who suffer is my role,” says Archbishop Dieudonné. “This is where I draw my strength and it is a comfort to the people who see. I do not stay locked away but I’m with them. I listen to their cries and turn them into prayers.” And bring them as far as possible, even across the ocean.

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Fr. Don McEachin’s High School Building Project

Strangely I find myself dreaming about Africa these days. I don’t know why. Once in Tanzania an elderly Maasai woman told me, “Priests are born with bricks in their bellies”. What she meant was, the missionary priests came, and they built buildings. The Maasai, being nomads, don’t have much use for buildings. Hopefully, these missionary priests also proclaimed the Gospel, believed what they proclaimed, and lived what they



believe. I never considered that what the old woman told me applied to me, until now. Watching the classrooms and labs and workshops rise, I feel a little like giving birth to St. Michael’s polytechnic (our parish high school). I hope and pray it means more than just giving birth to brick walls, the dream is, break the cycle of poverty and hope for a better future for our kids.