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# WORLD YOUTH DAY - JULY 2008



## MESSAGE OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION ON THE MEETING OF YOUNG PASSIONIST RELIGIOUS IN MELBOURNE FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY

Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio cp  
Superior General

**Dear brothers,**

I am writing to request your assistance in reference to the plan to organize a meeting of the young religious of our Congregation on the occasion of the World Youth Day in Australia, July 2008. In fact in July 2008, at our monastery of the Holy Cross in Templestowe, Melbourne, the General Council and I would like to meet with the young religious of the Congregation for a period of three days. It will be an important meeting and it will offer a unique opportunity for extensive dialog with our young religious about the Restructuring process of the Congregation and thus address and act upon one of the ten priorities of the recent General Chapter, i.e. the Preferential Option for Youth.

The General Council has named a Commission to program this meeting. It is composed of Frs. Paul Francis Spencer (NECP), Enzo del Brocco (CIPI), Ramiro Ruiz (COPAL), Orven Gonzaga (PASPAC) and Denis Travers as a representative of the General Council. For the past six months the Commission has been preparing and organizing the meeting so that these days will be meaningful for our young religious and for the Congregation. The three days of the meeting will begin on the evening of Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on Wednesday morning, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The events will be multi-lingual and there will be opportunity for special liturgies as well as major presentations on the topics of Passionist charism, presence and missions in today's world. There will also be specific opportunities for dialog with the General Council. The meeting will also have the added dimension of enabling personal

relationships, fraternity, friendships, and communal experiences of prayer, dialog and sharing. It will be directed and facilitated by Passionists from different parts of the Congregation.

### **A) The young religious who should participate in the meeting**

I ask that you send at least one member of your Province/Vice-Province/Vicariate to this meeting. For those Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Vicariates who have more than ten young religious who are less than 35 years of age, it is possible to send an additional delegate for every 10 young religious. For those Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Vicariates who do not have religious who are less than 35 years of age it is possible to send a representative from among those who have professed vows or who were ordained within the last ten years. It is my hope and intention that in addition to the presence of clerical students there is also representation from among the Brothers.

In order to assist the international Commission that is preparing this event, I am asking you to communicate the name of the representative or representatives of your Province/Vice-Province/Vicariate to the Secretary General, Fr. Ramiro Ruiz (segretario-gen@passiochristi.org) within the next three months, however no later than November 21, the Feast of the Presentation of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple. Together with the name(s) of the religious that you send to Fr. Ramiro I also ask you to send the following information:

- **Name(s) of the young religious**
- **E-mail address**
- **Mailing address**
- **Target language**



## B) Cost for the meeting

The Province of the Holy Spirit (SPIR) will assume the cost of the organization, the room and board and what is needed for the meeting of the young religious in Melbourne, as well as for the days following attendance at the World Youth Day in Sydney. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SPIR Province (Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea) for their great generosity.

The Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Vicariates are responsible for the following costs:

Travel to and from Australia

Registration for World Youth Day.

The General Council is working so that every sector of the Congregation may participate. I have set aside special funds to assist those areas of the Congregation who have need of assistance in order for their young religious to participate. Those who require financial assistance are asked to contact Fr. Battista Ramponi, the General Econome, to process the request. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask those Provinces/Vice-Provinces/Vicariates of the Congregation who are financially able to kindly and generously contribute to this fund so that this event may be accessible to everyone.

## C) VISA and registration

Practical suggestions about travel and about lodging, etc. in Australia are available from Fr. Denis Travers, First General Consultor. The young religious will be lodged in our Holy Cross monastery of Templestowe, Melbourne. If the number of participants exceeds the availability of rooms, they will be housed in private homes in the vicinity of the Monastery. It is important to know that the Australian government is guaranteeing a six-week Visa to all those who wish to attend the World Youth Day. Those religious who wish

to participate should make the request to obtain this Visa. The request for the Visa is included in the process of Registration for World Youth Day (WYD) and will automatically be considered by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship. Those pilgrims who intend to go to Australia are asked to register as soon as possible in order to obtain the necessary Visa; the Visa is gratis. Additional information about the Visa can be obtained in English, Italian, Spanish and French on the World Youth Day website: [www.wyd2008.org](http://www.wyd2008.org). It may seem that July 2008 is still over a year away; however the registration and the request for the Visa to enter Australia require time to process. Many have already begun the process and therefore I ask for your cooperation so that our young religious may also make their request as soon as possible.

Again I ask you to begin considering and eventually communicating the name(s) of those young religious who will represent your Province/Vice-Province/Vicariate at the Passionist meeting. The prompt communication of the names will greatly facilitate the work that the SPIR Province must now begin in planning the logistics so that this event may bear positive fruits for the religious who participate and for the entire Congregation.

Rome, 17 August 2007.



*The World Youth Day Cross in pilgrimage in Australia.*



## PILGRIMAGE TO STRADBROKE ISLAND (AUSTRALIA): WORLD YOUTH DAY CROSS & ICON

Fr. John Pearce CP (SPIR)  
World Youth Day Coordinator

On 24th & 25th August 2007, four members of our Holy Spirit Province and young people from our Passionist WYD Committee joined members of the Passionist Youth Team from Brisbane for the Vigil of Prayer in the Cathedral and the Pilgrimage to Stradbroke Island with the WYD Cross and Icon. Brisbane had heavy rains all week, so with a wet morning at 5:00 AM, only Christian and Jeremy went out to join the Archbishop and several hundred people for the 6:00 AM pilgrimage up Mt. Coot-tha.

When one of the team suggested it would be too much to walk in the rain for 2 hours, and then another three hours on the barge and Island, he was told: "I wonder what would happen if Simon of Cyrene said it was too wet to carry Jesus' Cross!" The 10:30 AM Pilgrimage on the Barge to Stradbroke Island took 45 minutes each way, with an hour on the Island. Of this, half was spent walking in the rain carrying the Cross to and from the Church. In the Service at St. Paul of the Cross Church, the Aboriginal Elders showed their delight at the presence of the Passionists and our young people. They also expressed a desire for some of their Young People to join us for World Youth Day.

The following are the reflections of our young people. As we continue to invite more and more young adults to share this time of Pilgrimage that leads us to Melbourne for the Passionist Youth Encounter and then to Sydney for World Youth Day, we open ourselves up to new levels of encounter with them. Perhaps in this way we will fulfill our dreams of a new mission with young people from both the General and Provincial Chapters.



*The World Youth Day Cross and Icon travel throughout Australia.*

*"And as I carried it through the rain, all I could feel was the privilege to carry these hopes and burdens of the people before me. We accompanied the young people of Stradbroke Island as they carried the cross into the church where the Passionists had their first mission in Australia. I was overwhelmed by the sight of the youth carrying the cross into their church, in front of their community of people and elders. As we crossed over to Stradbroke Island on the barge, someone asked one of the organizers if this was "a Christian thing?" And it is a Christian thing; a love thing; a faith thing; a burden thing; and a spirituality thing. But most of all, it's a hope thing. A hope for faith and love and spirituality to be alive and carried through Australia, through this cross."*

*Bridget Flood*

WYD Project Officer



*“To see the young people who had carried the Cross from the barge to the church help to prop it up in its stand outside the church, then carry it inside and sit around it, was a reminder to me that just as those who stood at the foot of the Cross of Jesus 2000 years ago were His disciples and friends, so are we today; ... These same young people sitting around the Cross in the sanctuary of the church reminded me that so many of us who carry our own crosses today are sustained by the love of God, who, ‘so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.’(Jn3:1)”*

*Michelle Reynold*

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator at St. Brigid’s in Marrickville, Sydney

*“I was particularly humbled by the people who very affectionately welcomed us as Passionists, and it made me think that I’m part of a story which goes back a long time. I was also encouraged when Fr. Joachim shared with all of us the fact that Stradbroke was far from being a failed mission, but rather one that still continues”*

*Christian Nobleza*

Deanery Youth Ministry Coordinator

*“Our touching and carrying the Cross symbolizes our union with Jesus and others in our ongoing commitment to speak out against corruption and injustices that are affecting our world today.”*

*John Auram, cp*

Passionist seminarian



*Australian Aborigines welcome the WYD Cross.*



*The Icon is a representation of the Icon: "Salus Populi Romani" (Protectress of the Roman People) from the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Before this Icon of Mary in September, 1721 St. Paul of the Cross made the vow to promote the memory of the Passion of Jesus and to work to gather companions to do the same.*



*"Carrying the cross, albeit only one corner of it, connected me to the millions of young people around the world who shared in the same journey as I was now walking. This brought home the reality of what the Pope said "you will receive power" as I was taken back by the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in our procession. The public who looked on as the young people processed through the streets all gazed in wonder. There was no abuse hurled, but many genuflected, many made the sign of the cross, many even got out of their cars and watched in reverence as these young people professed their faith in public. I was just too happy to be one of them.*

*Finally, when I was asked to share in carrying the icon, I felt connected with who Mary really is to the Church. I realized what the task of being a disciple is and while carrying the icon and singing with the crowd the Salve Regina, I made a renewed commitment to God to follow Mary's example and commit once again fully to my journey in religious life. It's awesome to think that through the power of the Cross, through the Passion of Jesus, we are all connected. It is through the Cross and Passion that we can be witnesses to the world that God loves us and continues to pour out his love for us everyday. It is through the Cross and Passion that we do not need to say a word, but profess our love and faith by deeds and actions. Yes, it's through the Cross and Passion that we have faith in action!"*

*Nick Van Der Berg*

Representative of the Passionist Vocations Office



## INVITATION LETTER OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION TO THE WORLD YOUTH DAY

Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio cp  
Superior General

**My dear Brothers, Sisters and lay persons of our Passionist Family,**

In April 2006 – see the July 2006 issue of the PIB – I sent a letter to the Congregation and to all our Passionist Family regarding a special initiative in favour of our young people on occasion of the World Youth Day to be held in Australia on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Pope Benedict XVI will grace it with his presence, and so this has seemed to be a splendid opportunity, not to be passed up and benefiting our pastoral ministry, for the young members of our Congregation and those youths in various ways associated with us, to come together in a fraternal encounter. Holy Spirit Province (SPIR, Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea) in collaboration with the International Commission – created ad hoc for this purpose – is drawing up a programme for an encounter of Passionist youth to be held in Melbourne from the 9th to the 12th July 2008, during those few days preceding the official World Youth Day slated to take place in Sydney from 14th to 20th July 2008. The young members of our Congregation together with all those in one way or another associated with us are therefore invited to participate in this event which will be centred on the theme of **Our Passionist Charism and Youth**. The programme will be multi-lingual and moderated by Passionists from different parts of the world. Hence I would request you carefully consider which young people you'll be inviting in order that they may profitably participate in this unique encounter.

Needless to say your interest and collaboration in all this will greatly assist Holy Spirit Province in organising the event. If you haven't already done so I would likewise request that you notify Father John Pearce, C.P., Coordinator, of the Holy Spirit Province Commission, the name of the contact Religious or other person chosen for this purpose by your Province, Vice Province or Vicariate. All information regarding the preparation of this Youth Encounter will be sent to these people by e-mail or other means, in order that they in turn may inform the Communities, Parishes, etc. of their respective jurisdictions. Kindly inform Fr. John Pearce, C.P. – john.pearce@passionists.com the name of the person chosen by you. He or she must in turn send Fr. Pearce his following data:

- Name
- E-mail address

- Postal address
- The language – or languages – of the information material to be sent.

The Holy Spirit Commission will find its task made so much easier if it possesses the name of this Coordinator, and your task too will be facilitated as that person can then keep you posted about the ongoing preparatory work for the event. It might seem that the appointed dates in July 2008 are comfortably far off, seeing there's still the best part of a year to go, but bear in mind that visa requests to enter Australia do take time, so I would like to insist you give this matter preferential treatment. I must also ask you not to report back in too much detail on your own organising efforts, as this will lighten your own work. Another reason for urgency is that Holy Spirit Province is already engaged in planning the logistics involved in quartering and caring for the participating youth so that the whole experience may turn out to have been a positive and unforgettable one for our young people. All information regarding the event will appear regularly on the corresponding web site: <http://www.passion8.org.au>. I would invite you all to visit this web site and so keep informed about how things are coming along. Once again, here's the e-mail address of the Holy Spirit Province Coordinator so you can contact him whenever you might wish to do so: john.pearce@passionists.com.  
Rome, 13th August 2007







## MEETING OF THE GENERAL CURIA WITH THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS

From September 3 -5, 2007 the Regional Coordinators representing the various regions of the Congregation met at the Passionist Generalate of Saints John & Paul, Rome with the Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio, and his Consultors: Frs. Denis Travers, Clemente Barrón, Luis Alberto Cano, Luigi Vaninetti. The Regional Coordinators by Region were: Frs. Eulogio Cordero Martínez (CII); Leone Masnata (CIPI); Michael Ogweno Yogo (CPA); Nicholas Postlethwaite (NECP); Joseph Jones (IPCM); Paul Gabriel Tae-Won Pak (PASPAC) and Norberto Donizetti (CLAP). The moderator of the meeting was Fr. Robert Joerger (PAUL).

There were four objectives of the meeting:

1. Definition of the job of the Coordinator (*see: PIB No.13, April 2007*).
2. Sharing information among the Coordinators and the General Council about what is happening in the provinces with regard to Restructuring.
3. Information from the General Council with regard to the hopes and objectives of the process of Restructuring.
4. Establish a means of communication among

the provinces and the General Council.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the meeting was divided into three moments: (1) the presentation of prepared reports on the status of the process of Restructuring by the respective Regional Coordinators; (2) an exchange of ideas, suggestions and clarifications regarding the role of the Regional Coordinators; and (3) the Scheduling of action steps to be carried out in each Region and throughout the Congregation in preparation for the 2008 General Synod.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that there was need for a template/guide as an instrument that would help the provinces, vice-provinces and vicariates to study the present reality of their entity in light of the "10 Priorities" that were one of the results of the General Chapter and draw up a plan for the future. (See the accompanying letter of the Superior General on this topic).

At the conclusion of the meeting Fr. General addressed the gathering saying that now they had a more specified task to undertake and he asked them to continue this service as a mission in the Congregation. He reminded them that the Holy Spirit assists us when we want to make something better. He thanked them for all their sacrifices in order to be present at this meeting.

The Coordinators were reminded that their next meeting will take place in Spain, May 2-8, 2008.



*Fr. General, the General Curia and the Regional Coordinators.*



# LETTER OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL INTRODUCING THE TEMPLATE FOR GUIDING THE PLANNING PROCESS

Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio cp  
Superior General

## Letter of the Superior General Introducing the Template for Guiding the Planning Process

Dear Brothers of the Congregation and sisters and brothers of the Passionist Family,

This letter and the attached Template document that is being sent to all the entities of the Congregation is intended to serve as an instrument to help each Province, Vice-Province and Vicariate develop its plan with a view to the Restructuring of the Congregation. This Template was created during the meeting of the General Council and the Regional Coordinators of the seven areas or Conferences of the Congregation that took place in Rome at the Generalate of Sts. John and Paul, this past September 3-5. This document is intended to offer a guideline that begins with a statement of the reality of each entity, including its strengths and weaknesses, which will help us to plan for a more vital future for the Congregation. We aspire to this “**vision**” or plan for the future in order to revitalize our Passionist presence and mission. Based on the ten priorities that were established by the last General Chapter it should guide us in formulating a Plan for each entity (Province, Vice-Province and Vicariate) and in devising plans that can be shared with other entities within or beyond one’s own region.

The planning should help us to create a bridge between the past and our present and future realities in order to discern those changes, including structural changes, which we should employ in order to make our life and our mission more efficacious. In fact, this is the motive and the goal of the Process of Restructuring that is taking place in the Congregation.

The seed of Restructuring was already present in the General Chapter of 2000 that was celebrated in Itaicì, Brazil. In its Document it alludes to the need for a reorganization of the Congregation. The Synod of 2004 acknowledged Restructuring as a call to conversion from God to instill new, creative fidelity in our

community life, our prayer and our mission, and in true solidarity within the Congregation and with the poor.

Restructuring is not an end in itself; it is a means of giving renewed vitality to the Congregation. It can serve to create new ways of being together and for discerning new responses to the changing conditions of the world and of the Congregation. In fact, the world has greatly changed and our Congregation is also very different from the past, and it is within these changing realities that we must build the Kingdom of God.

The process of Restructuring began with the work of a Commission that was appointed by the General Council and given three objectives:

- 1) *Actively involve every religious in the process of spiritual and institutional renewal to which they have been called by God;*
- 2) *Devise a planning process that enables the*



*Fr. Denis Travers, General Consultor and Fr. Ramiro Ruiz, Secretary General.*



*Congregation to proceed in harmony;*

**3) Reformulate our Passionist “vision” for the world of today and tomorrow so as to discern and enact those changes to which we have been called.**

Having undertaken the long road toward Restructuring we are all the more convinced that personal and community conversion are needed to bring about effective change. This impels us to go to the very essence of our being that is consecrated to the Passion of Jesus.

At the last General Chapter of 2006 we expressed the questions that were previously posed privately or in community dialog: *“What kind of Restructuring is needed to give new vitality to the mission of the Congregation?; What type of community life, mission and future do we envision for the Congregation of today and within ten years?”*

We are searching for responses to these questions as we move along the road toward Restructuring that was the main theme of the General Chapter.

**By means of the Central Decree, the General Chapter** established that *“every Province, Vice-Province and Vicariate develop a plan for the future of its life and mission”* and *“has discerned ten priorities”* that will serve as a guide in formulating a Plan for every entity and for sharing them with the plans of the respective, neighboring regional realities and with the other parts of the Congregation: *“In the process of developing this plan, every Province, Vice-Province and Vicariate can work independently or in collaboration with others, either within or beyond its own Region. These plans will be shared on a regional basis. They will also be shared with the entire Congregation with the goal of providing a foundation for the next General Synod and for the next phase of Restructuring.”* (Decree of the General Chapter, 2006)

The General Chapter invites us to undertake this discernment and the process of Restructuring *“with enthusiasm”*, i.e. proceeding actively and energetically along the road that was begun at the General Synod of 2004, that was confirmed at the General Chapter of 2006 and that is to continue until the General Chapter of 2012.

Perhaps at times it may seem that we are walking alone along the road and that we cannot recognize Him as happened to the disciples of Emmaus; however, we can be certain that Jesus is walking with us because we are building the Reign of God. May faith enable us to experience His presence and to listen to Him as He speaks to us along the way.

Before concluding I wish to invite the seven Coordinators to actively encourage those of their own Conference and the respective major Superiors so that by the next meeting of the General Council and the



*“Perhaps at times it may seem that we are walking alone along the road...however, we can be certain that Jesus is walking with us because we are building the Reign of God.”*

Coordinators that will take place in May, 2008 in Spain, each juridical entity will be able to present its own Plan and also be open to present those plans that are shared with other juridical entities.

The General Chapter and the Conferences themselves that chose them, have given the Coordinators a task of leadership that they should undertake enthusiastically and with a zealous and generous spirit. Despite the various responsibilities that they may have, they should consider this a primary task of their mission.

**At the next General Synod that will take place in Mexico at our Retreat House in Cuernavaca, 7-17 September 2008,** together we will study and evaluate what has been presented in the strategic plans in order to make decisions about how to proceed in the process of Restructuring.

According to Recommendation No. 4 that was approved by the last General Chapter, **a day for on-going formation for the Major Superiors will be proposed at the Synod for Saturday, 6 September.**

To everyone I wish joy and peace in the Lord and may your work be fruitful.

May Mary, our Mother of Hope, open our hearts to trust and may St. Paul of the Cross, our common Father and Founder, whose feast we are celebrating today, bless us and accompany us.

Rome-Sts. John and Paul

19 October 2007, Feast of St. Paul of the Cross



## TEMPLATE

Each Province, Vice Province and Vicariate is asked to briefly describe their situation, using the outline and these questions as their guide.

Name of the Province, Vice-Province, Vicariate:

### I. The Current Reality:

1. List the countries in which this Entity is present.
2. State the number of religious of the Entity according to age groups: under 30 years of age, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 80 plus, excluding those living in Vicariates and the missions.
3. For those Provinces that include a number of countries, but remain as one Province:
 

*Please list the nationalities of men working in each country and the total number of religious in the Province as a whole.*

For those Provinces which are essentially located within one country:

*Please list the number of religious working in your Province but belonging to another juridical entity.*
4. List the individual local communities, together with the number and nationality of the religious present in each one.
5. List the apostolic ministries and works undertaken in each community: Corporate and personal ministries.
6. Describe the current financial situation of each Juridical Entity (Province, Vice-Province or Vicariate) and each community of the respective Juridical Entity: i.e. funds including Investments, deficit budgets and profit margins. State the most significant source of income and expenditure for the Entity and for the each community.
7. Describe the current vocation and initial formation situation.
8. State the number of religious living outside the Province, for example those that work in the Vicariates or in the Missions.

### II. What is the future projected for your Entity by 2012 based upon the information provided above (Section I, numbers 1 to 8)?

*In light of these projections, what will your future situation be if no changes occur?*

### III. Our Vision: Preferred or Desired Future to revitalize Passionist Presence and Mission?

1. Identify the main life-giving resources or strengths of your juridical Entity. e.g.,
  - Spirituality
  - Culture
  - Youth
  - Traditions
  - Missions
  - Financial situation
  - Laity
  - Other...
2. Identify your limitations, weaknesses, concerns and challenges.
3. Given what you have named as strengths and weaknesses, describe your future vision for a more vital Passionist presence and mission.

*(Name the new structures that in your judgment need to be created and which of the present structures need to be modified and how, for a more vital Passionist presence and mission.)*



**IV. Why this New Vision? Briefly describe the major theological, spiritual and Congregational reasons that motivate and support the need for structural changes in your Province, Vice-Province or Vicariate.**

**V. The Ten Priorities of the Central Decree (General Chapter 2006) guide our Planning for a Vital Future. These are:**

1. **International Collaboration for Community Life and Mission.**
2. **Solidarity in the areas personnel and finances.**
3. **A revision of the structures of government, communication and juridical entities.**
4. **Formation**
5. **Commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.**
6. **Collaboration with the Laity.**
7. **Dialogue with the world of culture, and the arts and sciences.**
8. **Communications**
9. **Ecumenism and Inter Religious Dialogue.**
10. **Preferential Option for the Youth.**

**In reference to each Priority, please respond to the following questions:**

1. Why? State the reasons why this priority is needed and is important.
2. How? Describe how you intend to address this priority:
3. When? State the time frame and successive steps that are needed in order to attend to this priority.

**VI. In the process of developing this plan, each entity “can work independently or in collaboration with others, either within or beyond its own region.” (General Chapter 2006.)**

1. How is this mandate of the General Chapter being accomplished in your Plan?
2. With which other Entities are you collaborating in this process?

**VII. Evaluation**

1. What is the time-frame that will be needed for the implementation of your Plan?
2. Who will evaluate it and how will it be evaluated?



*Fr. Joseph Jones (PAUL), Fr. Nicholas Postlethwaith (IOS), et. al.*



## AN INTERVIEW WITH FR. JESÚS MARÍA ARISTÍN, CP (CORI)

Director of the Office for Solidarity (JPIC- Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) and the Missions

*(The following is an interview with Fr. Jesús María Aristín. Portions of this interview were originally prepared by Fr. Mario Melgosa Sáenz de Buruaga, CP (CORI).)*



*Fr. Jesús María Aristín (CORI).*

Among the various decrees of our last General Chapter (2006) there is one that concerns the establishment of an Office for Solidarity and the Missions: *“The Chapter decrees that an Office for Solidarity and Mission be constituted. In order to carry out this decree, in the context of Restructuring, the General Chapter approves the following recommendations: The Office will be staffed full time by the Promoter of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC), who will also carry out the responsibilities of the Secretary General of the Missions as prescribed by the Constitutions, No.129 and by the General Regulations, No. 91. He will also be responsible for the promoting and the formation of the Congregation in the area of JPIC...”* (No. 5. of the approved proposals of the 45th, General Chapter)

• **Father, tell us something about yourself, in particular, about your life and ministry as a Passionist.**

As a newly ordained priest (September 1979) I went to Rome to pursue a Licentiate in Theology at the Gregorian University. When I completed my studies I returned to Spain where I was assigned as assistant director of Catechesis and Youth Ministry in our Parish in Bilbao. These were youthful years that were filled with enthusiasm and ideals. I was always sensitive to the poor and the marginalized. The most rewarding project that I undertook during those years was the creation of an association (*“Lagun Artean”*) that aimed at welcoming and assisting the homeless, transients and the marginalized. Today we refer to them as *“the fourth world”*.

Then I was assigned to the quandary called the *“third world”*. From 1984 until 1992 I was stationed in Tarapoto (Peru). For nine years I worked in the Peruvian Amazon, the region that is the largest producer of cocoa in the world. The problem of narcotics trafficking was directly connected with the terrorist groups MRTA and *“Sendero Luminoso”* (*the Shining Path*). The presence of the Church served as intermediary and peacekeeper. My mission, first as pastor and then as Episcopal Vicar for Pastoral Ministry, was to assist the Christian communities to live out their Christian faith in an environment that was marked by violence and poverty. Our evangelization was accompanied by human development. For this purpose, I believe in an ONG (*Apemi*) (*Non-governmental observer*) to carry out a series of developmental projects. The most gratifying project that I undertook during this period was the planting of thousands of cocoa trees and then building a chocolate factory to help the farm workers and cocoa producers.

Recently I was in Spain helping the missionaries



from afar as Secretary for the Missions of my Province and director of our ONG ADECO. During this period I also created another ONG for Just Commerce (*Mercadeco*).

• **What was the most considerable challenge that you experienced in the missions?**

There were many challenges. The one that stands out is: powerlessness. You see that there are many needs and what we do is only a grain of sand compared with the many needs. I learned how to live with powerlessness. I was deeply touched by death – the death of innocent people because of hunger, violence or terrorism (“Sendero Luminoso” [Shining Path], narcotics trafficking, etc.) and especially because of injustice.

• **How did this missionary experience change your way of thinking or acting?**

I continued to be who I always was when I was in Bilbao, yet now I returned to being the “padresito” (‘Father’), as they traditionally refer to a missionary. You don’t view life the same way when you are in the midst of the opulence and consumerism of our first world, sitting in an armchair with a glass of whiskey in your hand, rather than in a hut in the jungle drinking “masato” from an earthen bowl. You don’t see things the same way from down there, from the perspective of the communities of farmers with their many needs. The jungle teaches you things that you can’t learn in a university: knowing how to live in the present, the ability to sacrifice, resistance and struggle, simplicity...

• **You physically left the mission, but you took the mission with you. You seem to be obsessed with the topic of JPIC (Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation).**

Of course. I believe that it is the most urgent and necessary topic for our planet. If we don’t care for our home, which is creation, we can destroy it and destroy ourselves. However for us Passionists it should be our topic *par excellence*: Christ continues to die today in the fishing boats and in the fields of the refugees and the immigrants against whom we shut our doors. This must raise deep questions within us and challenge our lifestyle – who we are and what we do.

• **Presently you are undertaking the overseeing of the**

**missionary work of the Passionists throughout the world. We are present in 58 countries. You are situated in a good position for work. Initially when the Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D’Egidio, gave you this assignment you were not pleased. How do you feel about this now?**

I was not happy because I had to leave many projects undone. I had to find replacements and people who would be able to continue the work and presently we have few vocations. Consequently I asked the laity to make a greater commitment to social justice in our communities. There is much to be done and all of us can and should add a grain of sand; together there is much that we can do. Despite the difficulties that they will surely encounter, I ask those laypeople who feel that they can embrace JPIC to persevere in their endeavors. I feel that I am facing unknowns: What am I going to encounter? What can be done in a field that is so vast and extensive? What can I do in the face of such indifference? Where do I begin? How do I involve more laity and religious in this area? How do I reach our communities? etc. God will provide...



*“The jungle teaches you things that you can’t learn in a university: knowing how to live in the present, the ability to sacrifice, resistance and struggle, simplicity...”*



- **You seem to always have something on your mind. Tell about some of the things that you would like to do.**

The first thing that I want to do is to develop a great network of all our men and women religious and the laity who are working in these areas and to put them in contact with one another, in continuous communication and establish common projects in defense of JPIC. In order to do this we need a Web page as a point of departure, for dialoging about experiences and projects. There would also be on-going workshops, courses and talks in the various provinces and communities about JPIC so that the people can become immersed in it. Conscious-raising is very necessary, very difficult and never ends. Honestly I don't want to make any decision without seeing "first hand" what exists and what can be done. However I can assure you that I will be heard (in the good sense of the word.)

- **In the mission areas, in the young churches, there are vocations; in the older churches of the West, there is a deadly dearth of vocations. Have you ever considered developing means to channel human resources with the Congregation itself? All Congregations are undertaking the same difficult task of Restructuring. This year the motto of World Mission Sunday address this point: "All the churches for all the world". What are your thoughts?**

I am firmly convinced that the topic of JPIC should have a central role to play in the process of Restructuring. If we globalize solidarity it will be easier to reduce the effect of our provincial mindset. The final goal of the Church is not to save itself; rather its goal is to save the world. The objective of men and women Passionists is not "naval gazing"; rather it is to search for the "crucified", the little ones, the immigrants, the homeless; briefly, those who suffer — to free them from their pain and to allow them to be recognized as first class people, equal to us. Because we have the same Father who made us all brothers and sisters.

I would broaden the motto [for World Mission Sunday]: "All the churches, all the Congregations, all the

countries, all the people to "save" the entire world." Everyone is needed; no one is superfluous. To me it makes no difference where you are from or the color of your skin or your ideology or the language that you speak — you are my brother or sister and I need you so that our world may be more just, more peaceful and more ecological.

- **How can each Province, Vice-Province and Vicariate help you in your ministry?**

I would ask that a delegate for JPIC be named in each Province in order to establish a communications network and enable ongoing contact for those of us who are working in this vast field. I would also ask that we inform one another about what is taking place in each Province. Above all, I would ask that a **plan of action for JPIC** be established and that it would include a clear plan for the on-going formation of our religious in this area.

- **Is there any other information you would like to share with us?**

I would like to conclude by recalling that "you cannot love those who you do not know." It is urgent and necessary that we concern ourselves with **being informed** about the topics of JPIC which are so vital to our charism. I believe that we should develop a process of on-going formation in JPIC as a Province, Vice-Province or Vicariate and also as a Congregation.



*Fr. Jesús at work in the Office for Solidarity (JPIC- Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) and the Missions.*





# NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE GENERAL CURIA AND THE COMMUNITY AT STS. JOHN AND PAUL, ROME

**Fr. Marco Pasquali (PIET) – Personal Secretary to Fr. Ottaviano D’Egidio, Superior General**

Fr. Marco Pasquali is a member of the Italian Pietà Province. He did his theological studies in Rome at the Lateran University and is currently pursuing a Licentiate Degree in Dogmatic Theology at the Gregorian University also in Rome. Prior to entering the Congregation he studied English -- a language skill that will be of great service to Fr. General and the General Curia. On 12 May 2007 Marco was ordained a priest at the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta in his home town of Terni, Italy.



*Fr. Marco Pasquali (PIET)*



*Fr. Vito Patera (LAT)*

**Fr. Vito Patera (LAT) – Animator of the Retreat House of Sts. John and Paul; Assistant Econome of the local community**

Fr. Vito is a religious of the LAT Province of Italy and a native of city of Lecce in the Italian Puglia region. He professed vows as a Passionist in 1993 and was ordained in 2000. Since then he has served in the community of Trepuzzi as Econome and also in the parish of St. Gabriel in the city of Bari as Econome, Vicar and Assistant Pastor. In addition to his ministry in the retreat house and community, he is pursuing a Licentiate degree in Dogmatic Theology and Christology at the Lateran University.

**Fr. Miguel Angel Villanueva (REG) – Vice Rector of the Community of Sts. John and Paul**

A member of the province of Cristo Rey in Mexico, Fr. Miguel Angel has been a member of the General Curia since October, 2004 as Director of the Congregation’s Web site “Passiochristi.org”. He professed vows in 1976 and was ordained in 1984. Prior to coming to Rome he served in his province as Provincial Econome, Pastor, Director of students, and Econome of the “Colegio Francisco Possenti”.



*Fr. Miguel Angel Villanueva (REG)*



*Bro. Giuseppe Pugliese (CORM)*

**Bro. Giuseppe Pugliese (CORM) – Assistant Director of the Retreat House of Sts. John and Paul and Econome of the local Community**

Fr. Giuseppe has been a professed Passionist since 1982. He has served in the Retreat House of Sts. John and Paul since February, 1991. Prior to arriving in Rome he ministered in various communities of the CORM Province including the retreats of Verona, Caravate, Milano and Castellazzo



# PASPAC

## Passionist Asia Pacific Conference

### Meeting of the General Council with the PASPAC Conference



Fr. Joachim Rego  
(Newly elected PASPAC Regional Coordinator)

The Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio and the General Curia (Frs. Denis Travers, Luigi Vaninetti, Luis Alberto Cano, Clemente Barrón and Secretary General, Fr. Ramiro Ruíz) met with representatives of the PASPAC (Asia-Pacific) Conference at the Passionist Retreat House in Seoul, South Korea from 16 - 21 September 2007. The following religious represented their respective Provinces, Vice-Provinces and Vicariates:

**SPIR, VERB** (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea): Frs. Joachim Rego, Thomas McDonough and Benjamin Telu.

**CRUC-THOM** (India): Frs. Antony Xavier, Joseph Xavier and Pascal Herald Cuthina.

**REPAC** (Indonesia): Frs. Sabinus Lohin, Makael Dou Lodo, H. Ferry Manatolas.

**MAIAP** (Japan): Frs. Isaia Kishi and Augustine Lunii.

**PASS** (the Philippines): Frs. Edwin Flor and Jaime Oclarit.

**MACOR** (South Korea): Frs. Gabriel Tae-won Pak, Peter Tong-ho Shin and Savio Kyo-won Bang.

Also present was Fr. Jefferies Foale. The PASPAC Executive Secretary was Bro. Laurence Finn.

During the meeting they studied various topics concerning the Restructuring of the Congregation as directed by the 45th General Chapter. The following is an excerpt from the homily that the Superior General preached during the meeting:

*“All which took place at the gate to the city of Naim that day, was so much like his sorrowful and dramatic finish would be. In a short while, the cortege would arrive at the sepulcher, maybe only a few hundred meters farther along the road, and the ground would have enveloped the dead young man. Everything seemed to be over, without hope or resolution. However, from the merciful intervention of Jesus is born a new life and joy: Then, he*



Fr. General, the General Curia and members of the PASPAC Conference.



New leaders of the PASPAC Conference:  
(L-R) Fr. Edwin Flor (Vice President), Fr. Anthony Xavier (President) and Bro. Laurence Finn (Secretary).



returned him to his mother.” And she, through the word and action of Jesus, is once again mother of a son brought to life.

*My dear brothers, it is in this perspective of life and resurrection that we ought to confront our problems as Provinces, Vice-provinces, Vicariates, Missions and Conference—whether PASPAC or any other; and in this perspective pursue the process of restructuring for the Congregation. God is with us, and he meets us on the long road, just as he met the funeral cortege of Naim, and so many other instances of meeting with the crowds throughout the Gospels. He has compassion for us, he encourages us, and we, if we have faith, will be able to glorify God by repeating with the people of today’s Gospel: God has visited his people.*

*Furthermore, if we fulfill the duty of leading our communities, the religious, and the Passionist Family, in a spirit of service and as a mission given us by God, we will witness happening what St. Paul the Apostle affirms in today’s Letter to Timothy: Those, in fact, who have faithfully served, will be regarded with honor, and receive a certainty of faith in Christ Jesus. (1Tm 3:13)”*

## SPIR (HOLY SPIRIT) PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

The 26<sup>th</sup> SPIR Provincial Chapter comprising the countries of Australia, Papua, New Guinea and New Zealand took place on 1 - 6 July 2007 at Templestowe, Australia.

The Chapter chose the following nine priority areas to guide and promote the ongoing vitality of the Passionist Charism, Life and Mission in our Province over the next four years and into the future: 1. Reinvigoration and sharing of the Passionist Charism; 2. Renewal and development of Community Life; 3. Growth of the Passionist Mission in Papua New Guinea; 4. Collaboration with the wider Passionist family 5. Engagement with young people; 6. Care of senior and infirm Passionists; 7. Promotion of Passionist vocations; 8. Commitment to Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation; and 9. International collaboration.

The following religious were elected to positions of provincial leadership: Provincial Superior: Fr. Joachim Rego; Consultors: Frs. Brian Traynor, Tiernan Doherty, Thomas McDonough, and David King.



(L-R) Frs. David King, Brian Traynor, Joachim Rego (Provincial Superior), Fr. General, Thomas McDonough and Tiernan Doherty.



## CII

### IBERIAN

#### PERMANENT FORMATION MEETING OF THE PASSIONIST IBERIAN CONFERENCE (CII)

The 7<sup>th</sup> CII on-going formation meeting took place from 1 to 7 July 2007 in the Passionist community of Las Presas-Herrera, Spain. Present were Passionist religious of the four Iberian Provinces as well as some members of Passionist nuns, the Daughters of the Passion, Servants of the Passion and laity (45 persons). The workshop, entitled

“Jesus the Prophet of the Passion of God” was directed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, CMF. The presentations followed these seven topics: (1) the identity of the prophet; (2) Who do you say that I am?; (3) the prophetic awareness; (4) the prophetic announcement; (5) the temptations of the prophet; (6) the witness of the prophet and (7) in the footsteps of the prophet.



*Passionist Religious and Laity of the CII Conference.*

#### CENTENARY OF PASSIONIST PRESENCE IN MIERES, SPAIN

On the occasion of 100 years of Passionist presence in the city of Mieres, Spain, our Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio wrote a letter to the Provincial Superior, Fr. Eulogio Cordero and the religious and laity of the Province. Following are excerpts from this text: *“The Province and especially the religious of the community, the Passionist Family and the laity are actively celebrating this anniversary in a spirit of thanksgiving as they recall the glorious history that has evolved during the past 100 years. There have been difficult periods such as the time of the revolution of the Asturias in 1934 and in 1936 when many religious were arrested and the monastery was turned into a prison. However the hope that is born from the Cross reinforced the dedication of the religious to continue living so that future generations would have a rich experience of faith and spirituality.*

*The history of the community is enriched by the fact that it was a formation center for so many religious who gave witness to the charism of the Passion of Jesus, offering their lives in Spain as well as in Latin America. In particular, on 9 October 1934, the Lord gave the community of Mieres the privilege of the martyrdom of one of its religious, St. Inocencio of Mary Immaculate. May the*

*presence of the this saint and fellow religious be a sign of hope for the future of the community and the Province and an invitation to keep alive that religious testimony that inspired it to accept this monastery in the town of Mieres since 30 January 1907 and that offered it the possibility of surviving tragic events such as these.”*



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# CLAP

Latin America

## VII CONGRESS OF THE FID VICE PROVINCE OF COLOMBIA

The FID Vice Province of Colombia held its 7<sup>th</sup> Congress in the Passionist Community of Cajicá, Colombia during July 9 -13, 2007. In addition to the presence of the Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano and the General Consultor, Fr. Luis Alberto Cano, all of the religious of the Vice-Province in Perpetual or Temporary Vows attended. In addition to addressing topics of community life, the participants also made some important decisions with regard to the process of Restructuring as proposed by the 45<sup>th</sup> General Chapter. In line with the challenges of Restructuring they decided to withdraw from the parish of San Martín de Porres, in Bucaramanga (Santander) and to found a new community in Barquisimeto (Venezuela). Additionally the Vice-Province committed itself to a new presence in the parish of the Virgen de las Mercedes in the municipality of Colombia (Huila). The latter is a particularly challenging assignment because the parish is located in one of the areas that is surrounded by violence.

During this Congress the religious also celebrated 80 years of Passionist presence in Colombia.

The following religious were elected to positions of provincial leadership: Fr. Antonio María Munduate, Vice Provincial Superior; Frs. Joaquin María Vargas, First Consultor and German Alberto Mendez, Second Consultor.



*(L-R) Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio (Superior General), Fr. Joaquin María Vargas, Fr. Antonio María Munduate (Vice Provincial), Fr. Germán Alberto Mendez and Fr. Luis Alberto Cano (General Consultor).*



# IPCM

USA - CANADA

## “CHALICE OF SALVATION”

This year, 2007 will mark the 50th anniversary year for “The Chalice of Salvation” television program — a one-hour weekly televised Mass that is aired every Sunday morning. The host is Brother Terrence Scanlon (PAUL) and the producer is the Catholic Communications Corporation of the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts.

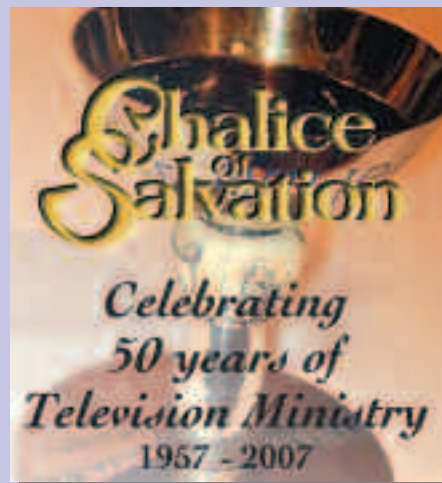
The inspiration for televising the Mass came from a speech of Pope Pius XI in November, 1939: *“As an old man with not much time left, I would urge you always to keep at least one step ahead of the devil,”* the Pope said. *“The devil is using every modern technique and every available means to destroy souls and to destroy the church. You must be alert and seize every opportunity that comes to you to try to defend the church and to try to help souls.”*

After pondering the words of Pope Pius XI, Fr. Fidelis Rice (PAUL) (1908-1978) determined to take advantage of any opportunity “by means of new inventions” to spread the Kingdom of God — in particular, to preach the Passion of Jesus Christ.

The first step was a series of half-hour radio programs for Wednesday afternoons in Lent of 1954 entitled, “The Hour of the Crucified,” later known as “Crossroads”. With the great discovery of television new possibilities for Catholic communications became available. There were some who expressed reservations about this marriage of new technology and Christian tradition. But the local bishop recognized the importance of live, televised Mass for the sick and elderly who could not leave their homes and gave the program his blessing. On September 8, 1957 Bishop Weldon celebrated the first televised Mass program known as: “The Chalice of Salvation.”



Brother Terrence Scanlon (PAUL).





# CIPI

## ITALIA

### The Passionist Interprovincial Student Theologate (STIP)

In 1991 the Interprovincial Conference of Italian Passionists (CIPI) instituted the interprovincial theologate at the retreat of Sts. John and Paul in Rome.

This year the six Italian provinces, by means of a decision in keeping with the process of Restructuring, have named a new formation team and have sent sixteen theology students to Rome to continue their formation and seminary studies.

The formation team is composed of a director, Fr. Giovanni Cipriani (DOL) and two vice-directors, Fr. Patricio Manosalvas Rizzo (LAT) and Fr. Matteo Nonnini (CORM). The director is responsible for the formation and overall functioning of the STIP. He is the immediate superior of the students and of the other religious who collaborate with him in the process of formation. He is also the contact person of the STIP for the other religious of the Community. In particular he is responsible for the overall process of formation with regard to its various human, cultural, spiritual and religious dimensions and he oversees the personal development of each young religious. He or his associates are also in communication with the students' professors and the theological faculties.

During these past years the vocation picture of the Italian provinces has undergone considerable change by assuming international and intercultural dimensions. This is a challenge which, in addition to requiring further preparation for formation personnel, is educating all of us toward a wider vision of the Congregation and toward greater internal solidarity. It is also a call to a greater awareness of our missionary dimension and to seeking new means of communication and of reciprocal relations. This year the sixteen STIP students include representatives from four continents: Europe (9), Africa (3), Asia (3) and Latin America (1).

Furthermore the location and the environment of Rome are also significant elements for formation. The Community of Sts. John and Paul is a unique, international community of the Congregation and there are possibilities still to be discovered for the process of Restructuring.



*Students of the STIP and Fr. Giovanni Cipriani (Director) and Frs. Matteo Nonnini and Patricio Manosalvas (Assistant Directors).*



## NECP

### North Europe

#### 100th ANNIVERSARY OF PASSIONIST PRESENCE IN THE NETHERLANDS (SPE)

On 14 October, the Superior General traveled to Holland to celebrate 100 years of Passionist Presence in Holland. On March 9, 1907, the community was granted civil status and the construction began on the first religious house. It was officially opened on October 27, 1907, and was dedicated to the Sorrowful Mother with the title “Mater Dolorosa”. In 1924, the Province was established under the title of Mother of Holy Hope, and Mook was designated the Provincial House.

On this occasion Fr. Ottaviano D’Egidio celebrated the Eucharist together with Fr. Leo Bos, Provincial Superior and the religious and friends of the Passionist family. Following are excerpts from the homily that he preached during this Mass: *“Speaking for the General Council and in the name of the entire Congregation, I am happy to share in your joy; and with you I offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for all that the Lord has given to the Church and to the world through the Dutch Passionist Religious in these hundred years of continual presence in Holland.*



*Passionist priests, brothers and sisters at the Anniversary Celebration*

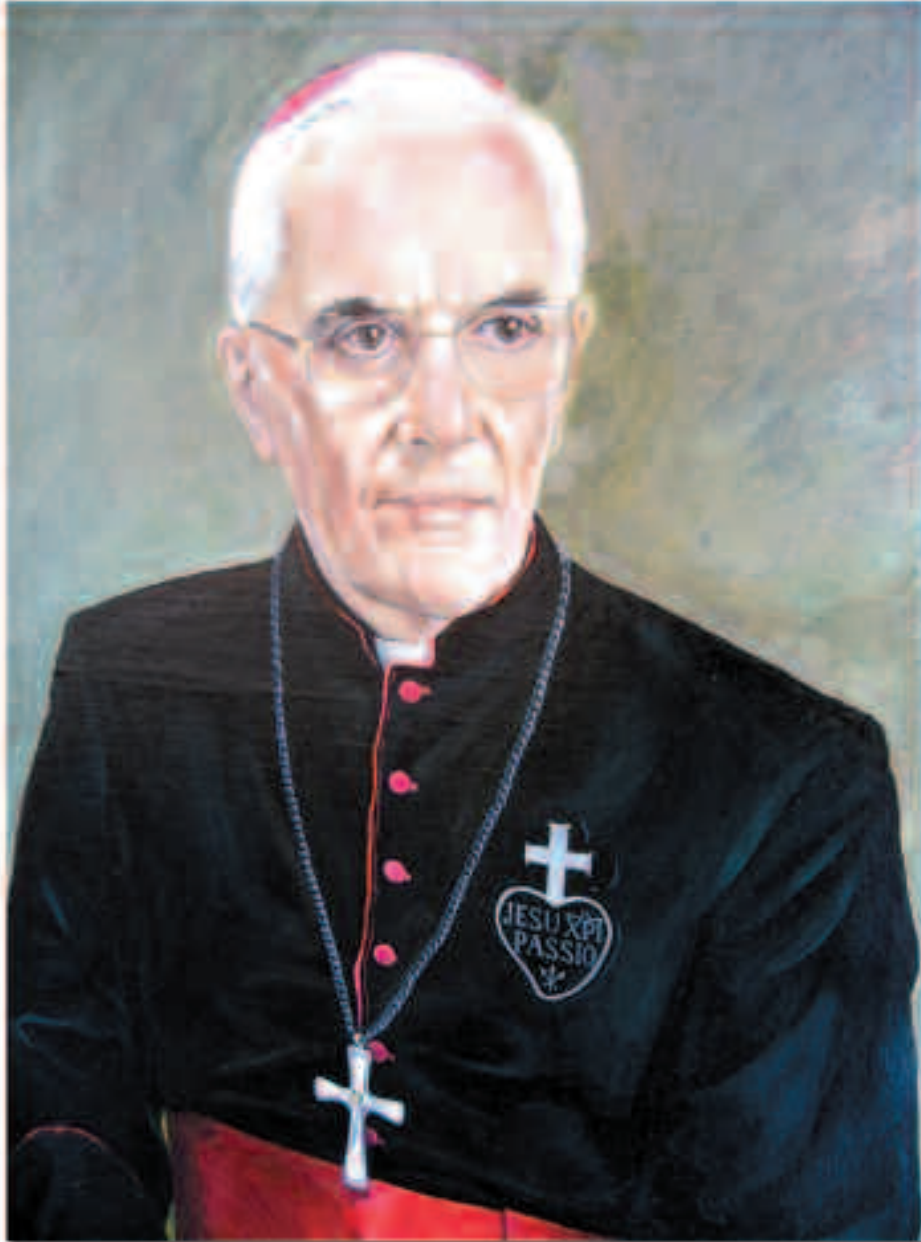
*We thank God for all that so many of our brethren have been able to for the good of the People of God in Holland, in Bulgaria, in Indonesia, in São Luis de Montes Belos, GO, Brazil; and in Marienmünster, Germany. May Blessed Eugene Bossilkov, who received his secular and religious formation in your Province, and your own countryman, Saint Charles Houben, who lived in Ireland and who was canonized last June 3rd, obtain for you the serenity and courage to live through the difficulties of today in the light of Christian Hope. Your Province’s history reveals a compelling missionary vocation; you did not shrink from such diverse cultures as belong to Indonesia and Brazil. In fact, you entered into those cultures, you let yourselves be inculturated; your interior liberty facilitated above and beyond evangelization, the “implantatio congregationis,” the putting down roots of the Congregation, as witnessed by your presence in Germany and the heroic testimony of your work in Bulgaria. Nevertheless, the beginning of your presence in Holland was not easy; to serve in the service of the Kingdom of God often means to undergo violence, and leads us to purification through our struggles... Let us place this centenary, and the Passionist Family in Holland, under the protection of Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, and the patroness of the Province. May she, Mary, mother of gracious love and of concern, of knowledge and of holy hope, who has lived grace with the same meaning of hope, especially at the foot of the cross, help us to understand that only by re-establishing the connection between hope and love, between hope and faith, will it be possible to restore to this dimension of Christian life its foundation and its credibility.”*





# BISHOP JOSÉ RAMÓN SANTOS IZTUETA MENDIZÁBAL, C.P. (1927 - 2007)

*The following is based on a biographical sketch prepared by Fr. Clemente Sobrado, CP, (CORI-RES)*



*Bishop José Ramón Santos Iztueta Mendizábal, C.P.*

Bishop Santos was born in Donosti (Gipuzkoa) Spain on 3 April 1929. He professed vows of religious life in the Congregation of the Passion in the CORI Province of Spain on 26 May 1946 and was ordained a priest on 29 March 1952. As a newly ordained priest he ministered for seventeen years in the Prelature of Moyobamba, Peru from September,

1952 to March, 1968 when he was assigned as pastor in the Passionist parish of Tarapoto, Peru. Upon the death of Bishop Martín Elorza, Bishop Santos was named Apostolic Administrator of Moyobamba in 1967. He then served as Provincial Superior of the CORI Province from 1973 to 1976 and again from 1993 to 1998. He was elected General Consultor of the Congregation in 1976, a position that he held until 1988. He was Rector of the Generalate community of Sts. John and Paul, Rome from 1988 to 1993. On 30 May 1998 he was named coadjutor bishop to Bishop Venancio Orbe of Moyobamba. His episcopal ordination took place in our Passionist church of San Felicísimo, the Parish of La Pasión in Deusto, Bilbao. On 7 June 2000 he became the titular bishop of Moyobamba.

During his pastoral administration he worked assiduously to bring more priests into the Prelature of Moyobamba, a goal that he achieved when the diocese of Toledo, Spain sent 17 priests to this mission. On 24 July 2007 he officially resigned his episcopal ministry in Moyobamba.

## **The spirituality of Bishop Santos**

Those who knew Bishop Santos have a very clear sense of his personality. He could be both seri-



ous and cheerful at the same time, possessing an even-tempered character. Even when appearing to be serious, he enjoyed being playful, creating a pleasant environment. In short, he might be described as profoundly human, having a great gift of relating to people. He was greatly loved by those to whom he ministered and was frequently sought both by the ordinary people as well as those who were among the upper classes of society. He cared for everyone with the same affability and generosity.

He was a man who seemed to have no time for himself. He never learned how to say no. Even when he was obviously tired, if someone sought him or needed help he was readily available for them.

Perhaps those who experienced his death in a particularly profound way were the Peruvian immigrants who arrived in Rome, some legally and others illegally, but whom he cared for regardless of their legal status. During his time as Rector of the community of Sts. John and Paul in Rome, in addition to caring for the religious of the community, he always found time to care for those who were on the margins of society.

Although he was not a man who spoke much, he was a man of action. The impossible did not exist for him. As bishop of Moyobamba he was not the kind of bishop who liked to stay in his office. He did not wait for people to come to him; he went out to them. Of him it can truly be said: "I know my sheep and mine know me." Shortly before his death he commented: "I've completed my mission. I've handed over my Prelature to the priests of Toledo, and I am no longer needed; I'm an 80 year old man and my life is at its end." On August 27, 2007 Bishop José Ramón Santos Iztueta, former

bishop of Moyobamba, Peru, died at a hospital in Lima, Peru.

The motto of his episcopal coat of arms perhaps best summarizes his life: "Al servicio de la caridad" ("At the service of charity") and in the center is the Virgin Mary "the handmaid of the Lord", the one who was always available: "Let it be done to me according to your Word."



*Bishop Santos and Fr. Juan María Santamaría (CORI provincial)*



**20TH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE DAUGHTERS  
OF THE PASSION (MEXICAN PASSIONIST SISTERS)  
“MARÍA DOLOROSA” REGION (SPAIN, ITALY AND AFRICA.)**

Thirty one Passionist Sisters (Mexican foundation, Daughters of the Passion) met at the Passionist General House of Saints John & Paul in Rome from 18th till the 25th August, 2007.

Their meeting was divided into 3 phases:

a) Their Regional Assembly consisting of evaluations and scheduling of events.

b) A retreat from August 20-24, directed by Father Jesús María Gastón, C.P.(FAM) based on Passionist Spirituality.

c) The renewal of Vows by Sister Margarita Morales, and the celebration of Sister Margarita Hernández' 25th anniversary of Religious Profession, all this in the context of a Mass in the chapel of St. Paul of the Cross. The principal celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Fabiano Giorgini (PIET).



*The Daughters of the Passion.*

**FIRST CENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF TERESA GALLIFA PALMAROLA  
(FOUNDERESS OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PASSION)**



*Passionists of the CII Conference and Passionist women religious.*

During a meeting of the Interprovincial Iberian Conference (CII), 19- 20 June, together with the Passionist women religious there was a celebration of the first centenary of the birth of the Foundress of the Servants of the Passion (“Las Siervas de la Pasión”). The gathering took place in the community of the Servants of the Passion in Barcelona, Spain. Present were the Provincial Councils of the four Iberian Provinces, the Provincial of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross, the Daughters of the Passion (“Las Hijas de la Pasión”) and the Superior General of the Servants of the Passion.

They celebrated the First Centenary of the birth of Teresa Gallifa Palmarola (Foundress of the Servants of the Passion) and they discussed the ministries and projects of the Passionist Communities of the Iberian Peninsula.

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**MEETING OF THE PASSIONIST FAMILY IN MIERES, SPAIN**

This past June 9, the religious and laity of the SANG Province marked the conclusion of the celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of Passionist presence in the city of Mieres, Spain.

In a letter addressed to the religious and laity of the SANG Province and especially this local community of Mieres the Superior General, Fr. Ottaviano D'Egidio congratulated the laity on the occasion of the centenary: *“Finally we cannot forget that the community of Mieres has been enlivened by a flourishing local chapter of the Confraternity of the Passion which has served as a means of encouraging the Christian lifestyle for many families, despite political hostility against the Church that dominated this region during particular periods of the past 100 years. On this occasion I also wish to acknowledge the numerous laity who even today share in the spirituality of the Congregation and who look to the communities of the Province for their Christian formation and for further understanding of the Passionist charism.”*



*Anniversary Mass with the Passionist Laity in Mieres, Spain.*



## DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

On 28 May 2007, Fernando Bar Quintáns of the CORI Province of Spain, on 12 September Witaliy Slobodyan of the ASSUM Province of Poland and on 13 October Hélber Alexánder Pinilla Murcia of the FID Province of Colombia were ordained to the diaconate.



*Fernando Bar Quintáns*

## PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

On 23 June in the CORM-CARLW Vicariate of Kenya, two religious were ordained to the priesthood: Frs. Jakob Otieno Oyuji and Gilbert Otieno Omolo. In the SANG Province of Spain, Fr. Édison Gregorio Arreaga Arce was ordained on 14 July; Fr. Patrick Mphepo of the PATR MATAF Vicariate of Botswana-South Africa was ordained on 21 July and on the same day in the PIET Province of Italy, Fr. Francesco Di Feliciantonio was also ordained to the priesthood. During the month of August, Fr. Kléber Guillermo Chacha of the SANG Province of Spain was ordained on the 4th and in the CORI-RES Vicariate of Peru, Frs. Jonny Martínez Vásquez and Hugo Henry Saavedra Silva were ordained to the priesthood on 12 August.



*Fr. Patrick Mphepo*



*Fr. Francesco Di Feliciantonio*



*Fr. Kléber Guillermo Chacha*



*Frs. Jonny Martínez Vásquez and Hugo Henry Saavedra Silva*

## PROFESSION OF FIRST VOWS

In the SALV Province of Congo, Serge Vimbu Puati and Hugues Nati Ekob'ata professed First Vows on 31 July 2007. On 11 August in the REG Province of Mexico, Carlos Aguilar Quiroz and on 15 August, Gabriel Buchinger of VULN Province of Germany professed First Vows. At the retreat of Castellazzo in Italy, Lorenzo Pantanetti (PIET) and Andrea Redaelli (CORM) made their profession of First Vows on 8 September 2007. The following day, 9 September, five religious of the CFIIXI Province of Sicily professed vows: Yereias Isaias Laga Mukin, Filippo Pisciotta, Mikael Gregory Moan Tiba, Mikael Gregory Moan Tiba, Agapitus Milandrino Goleng and Mikael Darmi. In the ASSUM Province of Poland Mykola Lyahutko professed vows on 9 September and in the same province, Lukasz Nawotczynski, Jacek Wroblewski, Wojciech Kowalczyk, Pawel Sokal, Rafal Pujza, Mirosław Stocki and Lukasz Andrzejewski professed vows on 15 September. On the same day Davide Spennato and Antonio Coluccia of the LAT Province professed First Vows. On the following day, 16 September, in the CORI Province of Spain, David Arranz Bermejo and Daniel Galindo Valcarcel also professed First Vows.



*Lukasz Andrzejewski, Rafal Pujsza,  
Pawel Sokal and Wojciech  
Kowalczyk*



*Mirek Stocki, Lukasz  
Nawotczynski and Jacek  
Wroblewski*



*Yeremias Isaias Laga Mukin, Filippo  
Pisciotta, Mikael Gregory Moan Tiba, Mikael  
Gregory Moan Tiba, Agapitus Milandrino  
Goleng and Mikael Darmi*



*Carlos Aguilar Quiroz*



*Lorenzo Pantanetti and  
Andrea Redaelli*



*Serge Vimbu Puati and  
Hugues Nati Ekob'ata*



*Gabriel Buchinger*

**PROFESSION OF FINAL VOWS**

In the FID Vice Province of Colombia, four religious professed Final Vows on 8 July 2007: José Yoiner Ordoñez Mazábel, Jeovanny Osorio Rojas, Luis Alfredo Parra Carvajal and Fabio Enrique Murillo Amaya. On 4 August in the PIET Province of Italy, Alessandro Ciciliani professed Perpetual Vows. In the SPE-LIBER Regional Vicariate of Brazil, Ribamar Divino Vieira de Souza professed Final Vows on 17 August. During the month of September, Raffaele Pragliola of the DOL Province of Italy professed Final Vows on the 8th and on the same day Luis Manuel Diaz Sanz of the FAM Province of Spain professed Final Vows. In the ASSUM Polish Province, Witaliy Slobodyan made Final Profession on 12 September, Francisco Xavier Oliveira of the FAT Province of Portugal on 16 September and finally on 30 September, in the CALV Province of Brazil, José Milton Ferreira da Silva professed Final Vows.



*David Arranz Bermejo and Daniel  
Galindo Valcarcel*



*José Yoiner Ordoñez Mazábel, Jeovanny  
Osorio Rojas, Luis Alfredo Parra Carvajal  
and Fabio Enrique Murillo Amaya*



*Fr. Raffaele Pragliola*



*Luis Manuel Diaz Sanz*



*Alessandro Ciciliani*



*Francisco Xavier Oliveira*

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## Usque ad diem maii 2007 - october 2007, acceptae

DIE	OB DORMIVIT IN DOMINO	PROV. NATUS	VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT
28 junii 2007	Sac. Joachim Van Der Heijden	SPE 1929	12 septembris 1949
01 julii 2007	Sac. Howard Chirdon	PAUL 1921	15 augusti 1943
08 julii 2007	Fra. Paul McKeon	PATR 1919	19 aprilis 1933
08 augusti 2007	Sac. Vianney Carey	SPIR 1933	05 februarii 1962
11 augusti 2007	Sac. Valeriano Liberti	PIET 1917	22 septembris 1937
27 augusti 2007	Ep. José Ramón Santos Iztueta Mendizabal	CORI 1929	25 maii 1946
14 septembris 2007	Sac. Leonardo Moreno Hernando	SANG 1936	19 septembris 1954
15 septembris 2007	Sac. Neil Parsons	CRUC 1911	04 augusti 1929

## MONIALES ET SORORES

13 maii 2007	Sr. Gemma D'Ambrosio	Inst. Sororum Pass. a S. Paulo a Cruce (Signa)	1918	30 apr. 1941
15 maii 2007	Sr. Dorotéia Bastos de Aguiar	Inst. Sororum Pass. a S. Paulo a Cruce (Signa-Brasile)	1915	16 sept. 1936
30 maii 2007	Sr. Cecilia Ceci	Monasterio Passionistarum (Lucca)	1920	30 nov. 1945
20 junii 2007	Sr. Cecilia Menseni	Inst. Sororum Pass. a S. Paulo a Cruce (Signa)	1954	18 feb. 1979

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*Dear friends, the way of humility is not the way of renunciation but that of courage. It is not the result of a defeat but the result of a victory of love over selfishness and of grace over sin...The Lord worked great miracles in Mary and in the Saints! I am thinking, for example... of splendid young people like **St. Gemma Galgani**, **St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin**, **St Louis Gonzaga**, **St Dominic Savio**, **St. Maria Goretti**, born not far from here, and the Blessed, **Piergiorgio Frassati** and **Alberto Marvelli**. And I am also thinking of numerous young men and women who belong to the ranks of the "anonymous" Saints, but who are not anonymous to God. For him, every individual person is unique, with his or her own name and face. All...are called to be Saints!*

*Benedictus 11 in*

Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI  
Loreto, Italy, Sunday, 2 September 2007



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