"Dear young people...
the Cross of Christ
contains all the love of God;
it is His immeasurable mercy".

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and as responsive to global and urgent needs of our world. In this light we must contemplate our world, discern our priorities for mission and respond in new and creative ways. The Passionists as consecrated religious have much to offer in every place we are present we must make a critical reading of the realities in which we find ourselves and to act within this. The needs of this age mean we must be creative in offering our Charism and spirituality to the world (as St. Paul of the Cross did for his time). In living our mission we do not act in isolation; we are called to support initiatives of groups, organisations, dioceses that promote outreach and service of our world, since in the modern context our restructuring must free us to be inter-Congregational, inter-institutional and capable of networking with others who seek justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

Saturday, July 20 - Day Two

Today on the second day of the Young Passionist Meeting Fr. Germán Méndez (SCOR), superior of the community in Bogotá, Columbia spoke to us about the Passionist Charism and our mission to the young. The mission of the Church is evangelisation and when we apply this specifically to the reality of young people we must aim to allow young people to have greater communion with God and others. For
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many Passionists, places of the cross are the field of our mission. It is no less so in the world of young people, but in our proclamation – in whatever form it takes – must stress both the cross and resurrection in order to bring hope.

The Passionist Charism is full of hope. People are attracted to our spirituality, as in all ministries, but especially with youth, our witness is the best expression of the Charism. Texts and teaching are important, but it is witness that speaks to young people. The General Chapter has given us some fundamental directions in regard to our mission to young people and has placed us in the centre of an option for youth – and we wish to share our spirituality with them. But now the challenge is to form plans and take concrete steps to give shape to this desire and the direction the General Chapter has given us. This also has implications for our formation systems, we face a new world and we need to find new ways to engage with the world and especially with the world of youth.

We Passionists proclaim the word of the Cross in a world transformed culturally, technologically and increasingly secularised and young people live in a society that is always changing and they are subject so much to relativism and fragmentation. Thus in our mission to young people one constant challenge is that we must search for them as they will not always be standing next to us. We must be welcoming and show the charity of Jesus to young people, and our ministry to them also includes a vocational aspect as well as fostering their encounter with Jesus.

Our Charism is inviting, and we can take confidence in the fact that experience teaches us that what enthuses young people is our way of life – they are attracted to our community and its spirit. We need to develop a life style that is open to and welcoming of young people. Further, we know that young people like to be confronted with great challenges and in that our spirituality is demanding and calls for sacrifice, this is what young people are looking for also.

Sunday, July 21 - Day Three

This day was dedicated to dialogue between the young religious and the General Council. The day began with a joyful morning prayer and the young religious then broke into groups to prepare their questions for discussion with Fr General and Council in the second session. In this session we touched on the following topics: - formation programmes to prepare for international mission, discussion of the role of the Formation Office for the Congregation, resources for further study of Passionist Spirituality, how younger Passionists can help to revitalise older parts of the Congregation, options and strategies for our work with youth, our visions for the future of the Congregation and the future of such gatherings of the General Council with younger religious.

During the day representatives of Brazil’s largest media company RPC TV came to interview Fr. Joachim, Fr. Augusto and a selection of young Passionists.

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The Superior General and Council listen to the concerns and the dreams of the young religious.
From the homilies of Fr. Joachim Rego,
Superior General

“My brothers, our Passionist charism is “to keep alive the memory of the Passion” and to never forget God’s great love for all. It is our mission “to preach the Gospel of the Passion by our life and apostolate” (Const #2). This cannot be done on the heights of ‘Mount Tabor’! True, we need to be revitalized and renewed with times and experiences on ‘Mount Tabor’, but then our mission is to come down the mountain, like Jesus, to the real situation of life with all its joys and suffering. We are sent with a powerful message of compassion and hope, particularly to the ‘crucified’ and marginalized in our world today. We cannot do this by ‘building tents’, i.e. closing and isolating ourselves in comfort and security whether in our hearts, our attitudes, or our communities…”

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“My brother Passionists: let us LET GO of everything (perhaps also everyone) that keeps us locked-up in the ‘tents’ we may have built for ourselves and, in faith and trust, LET GOD lead us to the blessings He has promised in “the land He will show us.” Then, we can confidently say: ‘Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here!’”

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“My dear friends, as young people you are precious gifts to the church and to the world NOW – and not just for the future. The world and the Church need your contribution and participation as young people today. Together with the other baptised disciples – adults and older people of all vocations – Jesus is also inviting you to know him and sending you on mission to call others to know and to encounter Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life… ‘Go and make disciples of all the nations!’”

“To Be a Passionist Missionary Is To Go To Humanity’s Poor”

Bishop Luiz Fernando Lisboa, C. P.

— “A new search for the meaning of a Passionist Identity: Many things seem to have lost their meaning, and there is no expectation of changes in the laws of the Congregation. We await a certain institutional
liberty, an institutional agility, in order to re-discover the meaning of our mission.”

— “Reconfiguration or Restructuring cannot be simply a “lubrication” of the machinery, so that we can have new equipment or instruments. The Congregation is a single entity; the feeling of belonging should be enlarged, otherwise we run the risk of making our provinces or configurations into other congregations. The temptation to look elsewhere and to fit in is one of the great temptations of the present time.”

— “Against the growing individualism, our communitarian charism will have to find new means of fraternal relationship. We are specialists in love, or we should be; therefore, it is urgent that we achieve a communion of mutual assistance, in which all can take part and lend that mutual assistance through a common effort to achieve our goal, which is a life full of the unexpected. This will require a truly personal conversion…”

— “The Passionist Charism is also most timely in post-modern times. Perhaps we need greater commitment, greater courage, greater openness, and greater agility to take the steps which our reality demands. What is St. Paul of the Cross’ priority today? Where are the crucified that he served? What is the new message which the New Evangelization would ask us to communicate today as Passionists?”

— “The present spirituality for young people demands a commitment that is more than a pastoral one. It requires a dedication to conversion and sanctification which flows from the Cross. Young people want to hear of grand goals, and they are discouraged when the Church no longer offers them such ideals. A committed young person wants to deepen the charism, he wants to learn about the works of that religious family, he wants to learn how to communicate the charism; he wants to have a certain life-style with its identifying language.”

— “Something that I am concerned about is formation: What will formation be like? What must be communicated in order to achieve an enthusiasm for this new mission?... Many times, academic formation empties our preaching of meaning; if we have no contact with the people, missionaries and priests appear little more than miniature professors of theology.

The formation for mission, of which the Chapter spoke, should be strongly based and rooted in the spirituality of the Cross, concentrated on the Word of God, especially on the Gospels of the Passion, and on the contact with the crucified in the manner of St Paul of the Cross.”

— “When our faith means personal and communitarian conversion, when it makes our witness coherent with our beliefs, when we are awake to history in order to identify suffering and the Cross, and when, in the midst of each of these situations, we are sufficiently intrepid so as to make our witness real and to incarnate in our own lives the actual life of Jesus Christ, whom we follow, love and for whom we are disposed reach out far beyond our own selves—then our faith is authentic.”
IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Reflections of the young Passionist religious who attended the World Youth Day Gathering with the Superior General and the General Curia.

Fr. Dilmer Hernán Enríquez Rengifo (SCOR)
“There we experienced the joy of meeting as brothers, as a community that is alive, has feelings and lives the “Memoria Passionis” of the young people that were with us. It was both a complex and challenging reality. It was a propitious time and space to reflect and grow individually and in community on this priority of our Congregation.”

“When we want to and set our minds to do something, we can succeed as a Congregation, Configuration, Province, Vice-province or Vicariate. If there is openness and faith it is possible. I feel that during this gathering we went beyond paradigms, systems, borders and all kinds of limitations. For this reason my brothers, I urge you to let all that we have experienced echo in our personal circumstances. This will be a way of validating our efforts here.”

Fr. Jenaro Resendiz Estrada (REG)
“I want thank the God of life who gave me the opportunity to have this experience. Not only was this the first time that I participated in this type of an event... during which I came to know this beautiful country and its wonderful, welcoming, fun-loving, faith-filled people (like my own country of Mexico), but it was also an opportunity for me to learn from my brother Passionists, mainly young religious from different parts of the world, about a reawakening, a spirit of creativity and an ability to innovate.”

“I don’t want to overlook thanking all the members of the General Council for their presence. Although it is understood that their presence was presumed, natural and self-evident, it was something that continually amazed me – that they were present to the young religious at all times, were attentive, always available and gave us freedom to express ourselves and manifest our youthful spirit. This was especially evident when we shared our own viewpoint, asked questions and made suggestions.”

“Finally, I believe that this was an invitation that is intended not only for the young but for all of us Passionists: to do our best to soak up both our charisma and our traditions and in this way, be authentic and credible... And, as Fr. General reminded us, restructuring begins with us.”

Fr. John Kathoka Muthengi (CORM)
“One of the priorities that emerged during these years of restructuring is the need to study languages so as to participate more effectively in sharing our Passionist life and international mission in our globalized world. Our Mission to preach Christ Crucified...
is a response to the command of Jesus to go to the whole world to evangelize all people. New evangelization and our engagement with the youth are all priorities outlined by the last General Chapter. These challenges were strongly felt in Ponta Grossa. Discussions pointed further to other challenges: how well prepared are we to assume collaboration and participation in our Passionist life and mission at an international level? How can we as young Passionists help the elderly and aging parts of our Congregation to ‘arise and evangelize?’ Discussing these challenges the General Council listened attentively and promised to work towards a renewed formation that will address the divide [age divide, digital divide, regional and especially mentality divide]. It is a promise but also an invitation to work together to ‘become ourselves the change we envision.”

Fr. Lorenzo Pantanetti (PIET)

“It’s appropriate to say that three days that we lived in close contact with other cultures and other ways of thinking and rethinking the Passionist charism was like a perfumed oil coming down on my head, an experience blessed by God with an absolutely positive outcome. I personally experienced the universality of the Congregation and I came to know and develop friendships with other Passionist religious, who, like myself, hope for a beautiful future, filled with the presence of God. I can testify that our expectations were overwhelmingly met thanks to the typical, Latin American warm welcome. At the end of the gathering it was as if we had known one another for many years: this was the work of the Holy Spirit of God”.

“These were three intense days, on human, spiritual and intellectual levels, which helped me to renew my Passionist vocation. At times there is the danger of having a single vision, because of the particular reality where one lives, and excludes the possibility to rethink it in new and more fruitful manner. May the Lord Jesus help us to move beyond what we already have, and to direct our gaze towards the possibility of a new way of thinking, a different evangelism, a type of community life that challenges us to follow Him every day with renewed zeal, he who ‘inspires and perfects our faith’” (Heb.12:2).”

Fr. Stanley Dalagon Baldon (PASS)

“The entire course of the Young Passionist Gathering made me aware of the scope of the mission of the young Passionists. But most of all, I am astounded by the passion of the young Passionists to take part in the Mission despite the difficulties and uncertainties. The longing of the energetic young Passionists could be felt in those 3 days of gathering. We are all willing to participate in the call of Jesus Christ, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” (Mt. 28: 19) Pope Francis said during the final Mass of the World Youth Day: ‘Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you!’ Let us young Passionists be actively counted in the Mission entrusted to us by Christ, the Church and the Pope. Then let us fervently live out our Passionist vocation in missionary works, because this is the passion of the young Passionists.”
PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS
FOR THE GENERAL CURIA AND FOR THE RETREAT OF STS. JOHN AND PAUL

Following the General Consulta meetings that took place at Sts. John and Paul in May and June of this year, Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General and the General Curia, made the following personnel assignments:

The new Rector for the monastery of Sts. John and Paul is Fr. Matteo Nonini (CORM) as of 01 October 2013. Fr. Miguel Angel Villanueva (REG) was re-appointed as the Vicar. Bro. Giuseppe Pugliese (CORM) was re-appointed as the Econome for the community and Fr. Adriano Spina (PRAES) was re-appointed librarian.

Additionally, Fr. Stanley Baldon (PASS) was appointed to be Web Master for the Congregation’s web site (passiochristi.org) and the following religious were re-appointed to positions in the General Curia: Fr. Floriano De Fabiis (PIET) – Procurator General; Fr. Giovanni Zubiani (CORM) - Postulator General; and Fr. Lawrence Rywalt (PAUL) – PIB Editor. Below we offer brief biographical sketches of Frs. Matteo Nonini and Stanley Baldon so that they may be better known to our religious throughout the Congregation.

Fr. Joachim Rego and Fr. Matteo Nonini.

Fr. Matteo Nonini (CORM) – Rector

Fr. Matteo Giuseppe Nonini was born on 1 November 1969 in the city of Novate Mezzola, in the northern Italian Province of Sondrio.

Prior to entering the Congregation, and completing his undergraduate education, Fr. Matteo worked in various fields including construction work, cooking and ship building. He entered the Passionist Congregation in the year 2000, making his novitiate on Monte Argentario, and professed First Vows in 2001. He professed Perpetual Vows in 2005 and was ordained on 10 June 2006. Following ordination he was assigned to our monastery at Madonna delle Rocche - Molare (AL) for two years, during which, he worked as a missionary, preaching in various villages and towns in the north of Italy and helping in local parishes on Sundays.

He subsequently earned a licentiate in spirituality at the Gregorian University in Rome in 2010. For...

Fr. Joachim blesses Fr. Matteo as the new Rector of Sts. John and Paul.
four years he assisted with the Italian seminarian students residing at the community of Sts. John and Paul, Rome (STIP) and in 2011 he was named Director of Students.

In 2009 the Military Vicar for Italy named him Chaplain at the Military Hospital in Rome. In this position he offered spiritual assistance to both the military infirm and their families. While being Rector of Sts. John and Paul he will also continue this ministry of hospital chaplaincy until the end of 2013.

Historically, Fr. Matteo follows a long line of Rectors dating from the time of the arrival of St. Paul of the Cross in this retreat on 9 December 1773. Among these were Blessed Lorenzo Salvi (+1856) and Fr. Antonio Testa (+1862) who was subsequently elected Superior General.

The Retreat of Sts. John and Paul has always been the seat of the Superior General and his council. It was part of the Italian Province of the Presentation (PRAES) until 19 September 1914, when the Congregation for Religious, subsequent to a decree of the 30th General Chapter, placed the retreat under the direct authority of the Superior General. However it was not until 13 August 1964 that the retreat actually became a juridical entity, recognized civilly, and legally independent from the PRAES Province.

The retreat is not associated with any province. It is governed by the norms established by the superior general with his council. The rector is named by the superior general with the consent of his council. In addition to the Superior General and his Council and the major and minor officials of the General Curia, the community is composed of various priests and brothers who form the base community, including those religious who work in the Vatican, staff our retreat house and the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul. Also present in the community during the academic year are some of our priests who are studying for graduate degrees at various Roman universities as well as seminarian students from Italy with their directors. While this community is like that of any other community of the Congregation, those who may reside here and the competence of the local chapter are determined by the superior general with the consensus of his council. Currently the retreat of Sts. John and Paul is comprised of approximately sixty religious from various provinces, vicariates and vicariates of the Congregation.

Fr. Stanley Baldon (PASS)

Fr. Stanley Baldon is 31 years old and is a member of the PASS Province of the Philippines. He was born on December 5, 1981 in Koronadal, South Cotabato, Philippines. However, he grew up in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.

After high school, he entered the Passionist college seminary in the former Passionist Formation Center in Talamban, Cebu City and during this time period he also studied computer design.

He made his novitiate for one year at the Passionist community in Parañaque City, Metro Manila and professed First Vows on May 3, 2004. He professed perpetual vows on May 3, 2008 in St. Paul of the Cross Novitiate, Lagao, General Santos City. Finally, he was ordained a priest on May 11, 2009 in Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage Parish, General Santos City.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar for two years in Sto. Niño Parish, Bagong Silang, Caloocan City. Then, he was transferred to the Catholic Mission to Indigenous People as Assistant Mission Director for two years, a position that he held until his appointment as Congregational Webmaster in Rome.
At the initiative of the Superior General, Fr. Joachim Rego, and his Council, and with the assistance of the General Econome, Fr. Vincenzo Carletti, the Postulator General, Fr. Giovanni Zubiani, undertook the reorganization of objects that trace the almost three hundred year history and spirituality of the Passionist Congregation.

With the help of benefactors, this valuable collection of artifacts that has been displayed in the area that once served as the original choir of the community, above the entrance portico of the Basilica, has undergone a major renovation. After installing new lighting and cleaning the glass display cases, the various objects themselves were cleaned and re-catalogued.

The first part of the collection chronicles daily life in the monastery of Sts. John and Paul beginning with the arrival of St. Paul of the Cross and the original community of religious in 1773. Typical of Passionist religious life in almost all parts of the Congregation until Vatican II, this collection consists of various categories of objects: wooden forks and spoons, plates, cups, etc. used in the monastery refectory; jars, bottles, vials, etc. used to store medicinal herbs and remedies; tools and instruments...
used to care for the sick in the infirmary; office equipment such as quill pens and inkwells, wax seals, ink stamps, etc.; and objects that the religious would have used in their cells: oil lamps and religious articles such as crucifixes and holy water founts. Additionally there are several antique liturgical books that were used in the monastery. Furthermore, there is a collection of artifacts that Italian missionaries brought back to Rome from foreign lands such as India and the Orient.

This historical collection also includes various religious paintings as well as a rare collection of “ex votive” offerings, i.e. simple paintings on wood or metal depicting scenes of graces or miracles that were granted through the intercession of St. Paul of the Cross or other Passionist saints.

The second part of the collection is a series of relics and sacred objects pertaining to St. Paul of the Cross and our Passionist saints, for instance clothing and vestments used by St. Paul of the Cross, the diary of St. Gemma Galgani and the blood-stained shirt of Blessed Eugene Bossilkov. There are also religious articles pertaining to various Popes as well as various relics of saints from the different historical periods of the Church’s history.

The area is easily accessible from the front door of the monastery and the Room of St. Paul of the Cross, a site that is frequented by pilgrims and other visitors. This museum will be a valuable tool for reacquainting our own religious with our history and spirituality and will also offer the general public, especially the members of the Passionist Family, an opportunity to learn more about the history of the Congregation and the history of the Church.
THE FOURTH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER
OF THE PASS PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

From May 20 to 24, 2013, Fr. Joachim Rego, General Superior, presided at the fourth Provincial Chapter of the Philippine Province of the Passion of Christ (PASS) held at Holy Cross Spiritual Center, Calumpang, General Santos City. In his opening address, in the afternoon of May 20, Fr. Rego affirmed the vibrancy of the Congregation of the Passion in the Philippines marked by a growing number of religious and expansion of its missionary outreach. The theme of the Chapter was “The Province of the Passion: Journeying in Christ Crucified for New Life and Mission.” Sixty two religious were present; fifty three were voting members. The proceedings were facilitated by Fr. Eugene Cañete of the Missionaries of Jesus.

Fr. Julito Villarente, the Provincial Superior, delivered his State of the Province Address at the beginning of the first session on May 21. A series of reports followed: The Passionist Benefactors Society (PBS) and Procurator’s Office by Fr. Evan Esmade; The Passionist Technological Institute, Inc. by Fr. Ramel Poquita; Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) by Fr. Rey Carvyn Ondap; —
On October 7, 2012, during the closing Eucharist of the 46th General Chapter, Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General, proclaimed the decree establishing the Province of the Sacred Heart (SCOR), the result of the union of the three Spanish Provinces of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (CORI), the Holy Family (FAM), the Precious Blood (SANG), and Santa Fe (FID) Province of Colombia and the Vicariate of the Resurrection (CORI/RES).

At the same General Chapter this new province was constituted as a Configuration consisting of a single legal entity, and establishing 2013 for the celebration of the first Provincial Chapter.

The date for this Chapter and the constitution of the new province was July 3-13 in the Passionist retreat of La Molina, Lima (Peru). The decision to celebrate this Chapter in Peru was made to coincide with the celebration of one hundred years of the arrival of the first Passionists in Peru in May, 1913.

Sixty eight religious were chosen as capitulars to represent the 400 religious of the province from the thirteen countries of the Province.
All the members of the General Council and several religious who collaborated in the work of the Secretariat and in the liturgical animation were also present.

The name of the new province is the “Sacred Heart” and the theme chosen for this chapter was: “One heart for life and mission”. The song in Spanish, “One heart, one soul, building brotherhood, reflecting the face of God”, guided the activities of each of the conferences: a heart that listens, that loves, that gives, that suffers, and that works.

The initial work focused on the new legislation of the province. Later, after the corresponding reports, the Provincial project was presented based on six aspects of the international mission approved by the recent General Chapter. These include the option for youth and formation since the province has eleven novices and more than fifty newly professed in initial formation.

In order to achieve greater involvement and coordination the province was organized into four areas: A) Spain; (B) Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico; (C) Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela; and (D) Bolivia, Chile and Peru. Fr. José María Sáez (Provincial Superior), and Frs. Juan Ignacio Villar (First Consultor), Joaquín María Vargas, Carlos San Martín and Eddy Alejandro Vásquez were elected to guide this new venture.

The Chapter was the result of almost five years of hard work: ten meetings of major superiors, forty national assemblies based on zones, eleven international and interprovincial assemblies, three provincial chapters, one provincial Congress, two Vicariate congresses, three meetings of formation personnel, three meetings of provincial treasurers, reports, letters, surveys, etc. This process made it possible to celebrate the chapter in an atmosphere of fraternity, cooperation and solidarity, aware of the challenges that are present in the reality of the new province and also of the many possibilities that offer hope for the life and mission of our Congregation.

The new Provincial Curia has enthusiastically begun its work, visiting all the communities to inform them about the Chapter and to prepare for meetings in the four zones, in order to make decisions about the eventual formation of local communities and the implementation of the Provincial Project.
In this year 2013 we Passionists are filled with joy because we mark 100 years of our presence in Peru. During these one hundred years the sons of St. Paul of the Cross have generously shared the message of the Passion as the greatest expression of God’s love for all people.

Like the twelve Apostles, twelve Passionists, six priests and six brothers, began this journey into the Peruvian jungle. It was a destination that was totally new to all of them. None of them had ever been there before. All of them went into the unknown, but bearing in their hearts the Good News to be shared with their brothers and sisters in the mission. The Lord of the harvest was responsible for bringing us to these beautiful lands at the invitation of the Bishop of Chachapoyas, Emilio Lisson. Having to care for hundreds of people in a vast geographic area with so little clergy, he turned to the Passionists of the Province of the Sacred Heart (CORI-northern Spain) asking for missionaries for his diocese.

Once they arrived in Peru the Passionists began their mission in the midst of those who were most forgotten. At that time (1913), the Peruvian jungle was not a place for ecological tourism and adventure. It was a harsh, inhospitable land with few or non-existent means of communication; but the love of Christ crucified overcomes barriers. The missionaries had to walk for hours or days to reach communities...
or sail in small boats without engines in order to get to the last village and announce the Good News of salvation.

In a letter dated 1917, Bishop Lisson wrote to the Superior General: “There were no difficult roads for them, despite the fact that some of them had to walk for six or seven days in mud up to their knees; nor was there any food delicacies, having to be content with what they gave them in these remote regions; nor were there comfortable beds or furnishings, since frequently their bed was uncomfortable matting and their furniture were the trunks of the trees. I do not think that in the African or Asian missions the missionaries suffer greater hardships than the Passionists suffered here. Their work is bearing many fruits: it is my desire that they remain here and expand their ministry more and more”.

Evangelisation and human development were always priorities. While Passionist priests preached and celebrated the Sacraments, the Brothers were responsible for teaching the people various skills and so created sawmills, carpentry shops, and brick factories. Until today the Brothers are fondly remembered as those men who, by their simplicity of life, helped to promote the development of the people of our mission.

We remember with gratitude all the Passionists that have gone before us and who have planted the tree of our Congregation in Peru. Looking back, we want to acknowledge the efforts, valor, courage and love that drove these self-sacrificing missionaries to give everything without expecting anything in return. And we are inspired by the example of their life offered to the Lord and, continuing in their footsteps, announcing even more zealously what St. Paul of the Cross said: that the Passion of the Lord is the greatest and most admirable work of Divine Love.

The following activities took place as part of the celebrations for the centenary during 2013:

- On 15 May the opening ceremony of the Centennial took place at the “Centro Cultural El Olivar San Isidro (Lima)”.

- On 17 May the remains of the Passionist Bishops Venancio Orbe and Santos Iztueta were transferred from Lima to Tarapoto. The next day they were brought from Tarapoto to Moyobamba and during a Eucharistic celebration they were buried in the Cathedral Church of Moyobamba.

- In order to express our joy for our presence in Peru, there were two Eucharistic celebrations marking the Centennial: on May 19 in Tarapoto, the first foundation of the Passionists and then on 26 May in Lima.

- On 7 July there was a special Mass in the parish of the Resurrection of La Molina, with the presence of Father General and his Council as well as the Capitulars of the SCOR Chapter.

The Young Passionists (JUPAS) national meeting was held on August 31 in Lima in order to give young people who follow our spirituality an opportunity to participate in the festivities.

The celebrations scheduled for 2014 include “La Exposició Misionera” (Missionary Exhibition) of ministry in the Peruvian jungle; the “Passionist Symposium”, Passionist Cultural and Religious Week - in Tarapoto and Yurimaguas; and to close the celebrations of the centenary a closing Eucharist in May in our parish of “La Virgen del Pilar” in San Isidro (Lima).

One hundred years in the Church are just the beginning of a great work that must continue to grow. A work that is guided by the Holy Spirit must continue to bear fruits of holiness. We don’t consider one hundred years to be a goal; rather it is a stop along the way to catch our breath and regain the strength we need to continue with our mission: proclaiming to our sisters and brothers the Word of the Cross.
THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE PAC VICE-PROVINCE OF PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Fr. DENIS TRAVERS, (General Consultor)

The Vice Province of Our Lady of Peace (PAC) is located within the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. In addition to wider ministries and formation ministry our Passionists brothers within the Vice Province are responsible for the five schools, six parishes and the communities associated with these ministries on the two islands.

This Congress was a historic gathering in that it was the first Congress of the newly constituted Vice Province of Our Lady of Peace. The great event of the elevation of the Vicariate to the status of Vice Province had already occurred at our 46th General Chapter, but this gathering marked the first moment when the members spoke with one voice as an independent and mature entity within the Configuration of Jesus Crucified and within the Congregation.

In his opening address Fr. Joachim, Superior General emphasised that although the Vice Province was young it was situated in the most highly Catholic populated region on the earth and that the Vice Province bridged both the Spanish and English speaking worlds. The Vice Province has a significant part to play in the future evolution of the Congregation as it reaches out to the world of today and attempts to speak the Word of the Cross to a world hungry to hear the message of salvation. PAC has the potential to be a strong part of our future not just in the Caribbean but in the world.

Fr. General along with Fr. Augusto Canali (the Consultor of reference for the Configuration of Jesus Crucified) attended the Congress. The Configuration was also well represented with leaders or representatives from the Provinces of Holy Cross (CRUC), Cristo Rey (REG) and St. Paul of the Cross (PAUL). The Congress reviewed the previous years, and among the topics considered was the future pastoral plan for the Vice Province and the adoption of a protocol for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and for responding to complaints.

At this Congress Fr. José Ramón Montañez López was elected Vice Provincial and Frs. Ángel Antonio Pérez Rosa and Genelio García Antigua were elected first and second Consultors respectively.
In the Passionist Spirituality Center in Ponta Grossa (State of Paraná, Brazil), forty religious of the CALV Province gathered with Fr. Joachim Rego (Superior General) for their Provincial Chapter. Also present were Fr. Augusto José Canali (General Consultant and members of the province), the moderator of the Chapter, Fr. Giovanni Cipriani (DOL-VICT Vicariate) and, as guests, various major superiors: Fr. Juan María Rosasco (CONC, Argentina), Fr. José Roberto dos Reis (LIBER Vicariate, Brazil), Fr. Pedro Bacchiocchi (DOMIN Vicariate, Brazil).

The central theme of the Chapter- “Unity in plurality—the Passion of the Christ urges us toward unity in plurality”—was presented by Fr. Alcides de Souza Marques, a member of CALV province, using texts of the Constitutions of the Congregation and various Passionist authors. In his remarks he noted that human beings are composed of a plurality of dimensions. Human beings and the structure should become transformed simultaneously and should integrate challenges in the light of present day realities. This unity should be created by means of the power of the creative word and in dialogue with all the realities involved. There is no single solution to the problems, even in religious life, and today we are asked to assume the great challenge of learning how to love in the midst of diversity.

In light of this theme the Chapter held its canonical election and the results were as follows: Fr. Amilton Manoel da Silva, Provincial Superior; Fr. Edilberto Lins de Menezes, First Consultor (Vice Provincial), and Fr. Leudes Aparecido de Paula, Second Consultor.

The Chapter examined and accepted the proposed itinerary for the process of unification of the two provinces of CALV (Southern Brazil) and CONC (Argentina and Uruguay), the southern region of the Configuration of Jesus Crucified, by 2016, according to decision of the last General Chapter. It was noted that the ISID Vicariate (southwest of Paraná) was already formally integrated into the CALV province.

Finally, the capitulars studied and approved the general objective, the specific objectives and action steps that should guide the province during the next four years.

The experience of this Chapter, as an ecclesial event guided by the Holy Spirit, was motivated by well prepared liturgies and celebrated in a fraternal environment. It renewed the enthusiasm of those present for the following of Jesus Crucified according to the charism of St. Paul of the Cross. Deo gratias!
From 17 to 21 June 2013, in Salvador (Ilha Itaparica-Mar Grande-São José Retreat House), the three Passionist Vicariates of Brazil — Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God (DOMIN), Our Lady of Victory (VICT) and Christ the Liberator (LIBER) — began their Assembly that would initiate the process of becoming a single province, as approved by the General Chapter of 2012.

In addition to the forty seven religious from the three Vicariates, also present were: the General Consultor, Fr. Augusto José Canali, and the provincial superiors of the three mother Provinces: Fr. Fiorenzo Bordo (PRAES), Fr. Enzo Del Brocco (DOL) and Fr. Mark Robin Hoogland (SPE). These religious represent 69.11% of the total number of the religious of the three vicariates.

The objectives of the Assembly were as follows:

A) To get to mutually know one another and to understand the reality of each Vicariate: the religious, the communities, activities, formation, etc. For this purpose, the superiors of each Vicariate presented the reports, as well as the reports of the commissions created in the Assembly of Goiânia in April 2013.

B) To discern the path to be taken until the first chapter and decide particulars about the new province to be created: its identity, character, name, etc. Fr. Giovanni Cipriani (DOL), coordinator of the commissions, presented a lecture-meditation using the theme: “The ‘novelty’ of the new Province”. The regulations of the new province were presented and examined.

C) To decide the steps leading up to the celebration of the first provincial chapter: Pre-Capitular assemblies, commissions, preparation and celebration of the Chapter. The Assembly also approved the site of the province center of the new province: the Jardim América, in Cariacica (ES). The chapter will eventually choose a name for the province and there will be an initial approval of provincial Regulations.

The superiors of the three Vicariates will write a joint letter of Convocation of the Pre-Chapter and Chapter that will be sent to all religious. In the letter the religious will be reminded about the rules for participation in the Pre-chapter and Chapter, in accord with our Constitutions, as well as information about a questionnaire for the purpose of surfacing names of possible candidates for Provincial Superior.

The dates have been confirmed as follows: Pre-chapter: from 27 to 31 January, 2014, in Goiânia (GO-Brazil); and the first Chapter of the new province: from 05 -09 May 2014, in Vitoria (ES) Brazil.
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n September 1st, at the new Shrine of St. Gabriel, a cordial meeting took place to mark the first Centennial celebration of the magazine: “L’Eco di San Gabriele” (“The Eco” of St. Gabriel). The round-table panel discussion, led by Fr. Ciro Benedettini (PIET), was animated by the Director of the ECO, Fr. Pierino Di Eugenio (PIET) along with eminent personalities in the fields of journalism and art. For the occasion, a special commemorative volume was presented with a hundred pictorial tables executed by artist Flora Chiaverini.

The Eco was initially founded to respond to the needs of a fast-growing number of devotees of St. Gabriel, especially after his beatification in 1908, when the religious of the community were besieged with requests for news, relics, prayers and souvenirs. There was a particular need for such by numerous immigrants from the Abruzzo region who maintained a strong bond with their distant homeland through St. Gabriel.

The birth of this monthly magazine was due to the zeal of two pioneers that were characterized by refined culture and indomitable willpower: Fausto Pozzi and the Servant of God, Fr. Stanislao Battistelli. In the recorded history of the Shrine the young Battistelli noted at the end of August 1913: “Sunday 31 will see the light of the first issue of a religious periodical written by this community, ‘the Eco of Blessed Gabriel’. Good luck! “. And we must acknowledge that by good fortune, or more likely through the goodwill of the persons concerned, the ECO has enjoyed quite a bit of good fortune. It started with a circulation of 1,000 copies on scrap paper, sixteen pages that however were made more noble by the glossy cover with the image of the Blessed reproduced in an oval on the cover page. That little seed quickly sprouted – the number of readers grew beyond all expectations and already in the 1930’s there were more than twenty thousand subscribers.

However there were also times of crisis to economic difficulties and government crackdowns. Particularly noteworthy was the censorship that was enforced in 1941. Because of an article that was published deploring the war as “a tremendous evil”, the ECO was suppressed by the regime and had to cease publication for four years. But by 1945, rising like the phoenix, a new phase emerged with renewed energy. Today the ECO has become a monthly publication of news and information. It has arrived at a highly respected place through the vast amount of material available in the media and the top figures of Catholic inspiration that are known and respected even in the highest institutional circles. Sixteen initial paper pages have become more than 82 plus the cover, all in an elegant color printing. The numerous sections that are offered aim at being appealing to the whole family — hundreds of thousands of readers around the world in addition to articles of interest to all the individual Italian provinces.

In collaboration with the graphic designer, Filomena Di Camillo, the draft of a brand new website was created (www.ecosangabriele.com). There are also various ongoing initiatives, in particular illustrated inserts on the life of the Saint distributed over two years, illustrated postcards for collectors and souvenirs offered gratis to subscribers.
I think that Passionists in different parts of the world would like to know about the developments of the Catholic-Anglican Symposium in Nettuno and, in general, the relationship between our Shrine and some members of the Church of England. The initiative of the Symposia stems from a tradition based on several historical events. The first of these events was the arrival of the statue of the “Madonna delle Grazie” (Our Lady of Grace) on the beach of Nettuno in 1550. It was not simply a beautiful statue, of a certain artistic and historical value, that British sailors wanted to save from destruction according to the order given by Henry VIII, King of England. Rather it was a statue that had been venerated for centuries in a Shrine in Ipswich, one of the most famous Marian shrines of England. Kings, nobles and the faithful in general willingly went on a pilgrimage to the shrine. Studies in recent decades led to a more precise reconstruction of the history of the shrine and the fortunate efforts that led to the rescue of the statue. Neapolitan sailors originally intended to bring it to Naples; however due to a storm, they had to take shelter in Nettuno. Based on these studies, primarily in England, contacts were established between Ipswich and Nettuno, with reciprocal visits, pilgrimages and a twinning between the two municipalities.

The symposia are the most important part of the Catholic-Anglican dialogue of Nettuno. The first was held in 2008 and this year they met for the sixth time. Among those attending the symposium were Anglican bishops Robert Ladds, who gave a report on the history of Marian devotion in England, which was very strong before the Reformation, and Keith Newton, who together with his wife, became Roman Catholics and subsequently he became the ordinary of Walsingham. On behalf of the Catholic Church, Msgr. Donald Bolen, of the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity gave a presentation. Afterwards Msgr. Mark Langham, also a member of the Pontifical Council, made a notable academic contribution to the seminar that was organized by the Chair “Gloria Crucis” of the Lateran University in Rome, on November 12, 2010, to celebrate the beatification of Cardinal Newman. He also facilitated an intervention for the seminar by Ven. Jonathan Boardman, General Vicar of the Church of England for Italy.

Fr. Giovanni Alberti (PRAES), superior of the Shrine and promoter of the symposia, recalled the particular bond that our Congregation has with England, beginning with St. Paul of the Cross and focusing on Blessed Dominic Barberi and his relationship with the Oxford Movement and with Blessed John Henry Newman. The devotion of both Paul and Dominic to this matter impressed the future Cardinal Newman, as can be seen especially in the autobiographical novel “Loss and Gain”. Fr. Alberti is also the author of a comprehensive publication on the history of the Shrine of Nettuno and the venerated English statue. It is entitled “La Signora dei due mari” (Our Lady of two Seas).

Next year, 2014, the Anglican bishop of Ipswich is scheduled to participate in the Symposium.
The Congress of the Vicariate of Our Lady Mother of Africa (MATAF) was held between the 10th and 14th June 2013, at the Good Shepherd Retreat Centre, Heartbeesport Dam, in the Republic of South Africa. It was presided over by Fr. Patrick Duffy, the Provincial Superior of St. Patrick’s Province to which MATAF as a Vicariate belongs. Present at the Congress, as a member of the Vicariate, was Fr. Michael Ogweno, General Consultant. As a Vicariate, MATAF is geographically the largest in the CPA Configuration, encompassing three Countries: Botswana, the Republic of South Africa and Zambia. In terms of numbers of religious, it is the smallest. However, the vicariate has great opportunities and potentials for growth. The Vicariate hopes to harness these opportunities and potentials to grow during the next four or so years.

It was in this context of growth and in the light of the 46th General Chapter of the Congregation that the Congress of MATAF, like all the other Vicariates in CPA, had to discuss, evaluate and make decisions regarding its entire life, presence, mission, apostolates and most importantly, its orientation for the future. Having evaluated all aspects of its life and mission with the help of the facilitators, who guided the process and discussions, the Vicariate of MATAF made a decision during the Congress to commit itself to become a vice province within the CPA Configuration. To realize this decision or commitment, the Congress elaborated and stressed some key important areas that need to be urgently developed in order to achieve this desire and vision of becoming a vice Province.

Leadership: That leaders beginning with the Regional Vicar and his Council, and all levels of leadership in the Vicariate would strive to be accountable. That all in the role of leadership will work together in collaboration with one another and the entire vicariate. Thus, they will make an inventory of all the human and financial resources as soon as possible in order to know the actual strength and possible weakness of the vicariate.

Economic and Financial Viability of the Vicariate: That one Vicariate Econome be appointed with a common central fund, administered in a transparent and accountable manner where the vicariate as a whole through individual communities make budgets, approved by the regional vicar and stays within that budget. All monies received from within the Vicariate and from donors have to be channelled to that common fund and its appropriate use ensured. Reference was made to the Chapter’s decree on the security of funds of the Congregation.

Communication: The Congress identified communication as a key element in its development towards this desired autonomy and decided to create a robust communication network that would include, newsletters, regular community and vicariate meetings, assemblies, recollection days, canonical visitations, circular letters and social networks, skype, emails, and the creation of a website for the vicariate.

Appointments: That appointments to different positions of leadership and ministries be done after dialogue and in an explicit manner, with details of job descriptions and letters of appointment to the individual member and to communities to which one is appointed.

Personal Responsibility: Each member should exercise personal responsibility particularly with regard to children and vulnerable adults, as described and outlined in the Protection Policy and that a person be appointed to deal with issues in these areas, as was asked by the approved proposals of the 46th General Chapter number 6. A deepening of personal relationships was suggested among members.

Presences and ministries: All the presences would be evaluated and those ministries that seek to deepen the Passionist charism and spirituality would be prioritized. Effort needs to be made to share the charism and Passionist spirituality with the laity.

To ensure that the Congress decisions are carried out and that all the aspects of the life and mission of the Vicariate is smoothly coordinated and oriented towards its objective goal, Fr. Emmanuel Kabinga was elected Regional vicar, and Frs. Diedericks Selemela and O’Brien Chanda were elected first and second Consultors respectively.
On Wednesday June 12, 2013, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Luiz Fernando Lisboa of the Passionist CALV Province of Brazil, as Bishop of Pemba in Mozambique. Fr. Luiz Fernando Lisboa was a missionary in that diocese which is located in the far northeast area of Mozambique.

Fr. Luiz Fernando Lisboa was born on December 23, 1955, in Marques de Valença, in the Province of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil. Following basic education, he entered the Passionist novitiate of St. Gabriel and on January 23, 1977 he made his First Profession of Vows and in December 18, 1982 he made Perpetual Profession.

He studied philosophy in Curitiba-Paraná, and received a degree at the Catholic University of Paraná, as well as a degree in sacred Liturgy at the College of Our Lady of the Assumption in the Archdiocese of São Paulo. After earning a bachelor’s degree in theology at the theological Institute of São Paulo he was ordained a priest on December 10, 1983.

After priestly ordination, and while still in Brazil, Luiz Fernando did various forms of ministry, among these, director of students and parochial Vicar, Superior, treasurer, assistant Director of novices, Director of Theology students and formation advisor, and provincial Consultor. In Mozambique he served as parish priest, local Superior, formation director, parochial vicar and Assistant professor of theology for the laity in the Diocese of Pemba. He was ordained a bishop on 24 August 2013 and

On 24 August 2013, he was ordained a bishop in the Cathedral of San Antonio, Osasco, São Paulo (Brazil). About 80 priests and deacons concelebrated the Mass, many being Passionists from the Province of Calvary (CALV) and from the 3 Vicariates (VICT, DOMIN & LIBER). Our Passionist Family (religious and laity) were joined by religious from other Congregations, including a representative delegation from the Diocese of Pemba in Mozambique.

Members of Luiz Fernando’s family and parishioners were involved in parts of the Mass with the presentation of the ring, mitre and crozier, and the procession of gifts.

A moving moment was the procession of the statue of the Virgin of Aparecida after communion asking her prayer and protection for Bishop Luiz Fernando as he assumes his new role as Chief Shepherd in Pemba. Our Lady of Aparecida is deeply loved and venerated by all Brazilians.

The entire congregation burst into thunderous applause at various moments during the ceremony, showing their delight and support for Bishop Luiz Fernando who is much loved by the people (young and old) for his pastoral care, especially to the poor and needy. His episcopal motto is: “Evangelizare Pauperibus Misit” (“To Evangelize the Poor”).

On behalf of the Passionist Congregation, the Superior General: Fr Joachim Rego, addressed the following words to Bishop Luiz Fernando: “My dear brother, Bishop Luiz Fernando, it is with great joy and pride that I represent our beloved Congregation of the Passion and bring the congratulations, best wishes and prayers of your Passionist brothers as you are ordained today as Bishop. I believe that the Holy Father, Pope Francis made a good choice when he appointed you to be the Chief Pastor and Shepherd of the Diocese of Pemba. He chose a man with a HEART – a heart for God and a heart for the people. You bring a heart which has been formed over many years before the foot of the Cross and nourished by the spirituality flowing from the Passion of Jesus. It is with a heart filled with love and compassion that you will lead and guide the people of Pemba to Christ – the Good Shepherd. Today, you are not a loss to the Congregation, because you will always be a Passionist. But you are a gain to the Church, especially the church of Pemba which calls you to lead and guide them. Be assured, Bishop, of the love, support and prayers of all your brothers and sisters in the Passionist Congregation. May God bless you!”

He was installed in his diocese of Pemba on 14 September 2013. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pemba was created in 1957 from the Archdiocese of Nampula. It has a geographic area of 82,625 km. and a population of 836,000 inhabitants, of whom 578,798 are Catholics. There are 20 parishes, served by 21 priests, 13 religious Brothers, 75 religious Sisters and has 8 seminarians.
VISIT TO PASSIONIST NUNS IN SPAIN

During the Canonical Visitation of the three Spanish Provinces of the SCOR Configuration during the month of June, 2013, Fr. Joachim Rego, Superior General, also visited two communities of Passionist Nuns in Duesto (Bilbao) and in Madrid. As Fr. Joachim told the Sisters, this was the first time he had ever visited any monastery of Passionist nuns because these religious are not present in his home province in Australia.
The more flowers near the Holy House, the better!— with this exclamation in 1938 the Pontifical Administrator of Holy House of Loreto, Msgr. Borgongini Duca, joyfully granted permission to Passionist Fr. Alberto Gregori to build a Passionist Monastery in Loreto. Recalling the particular interest that St. Paul of the Cross and the Passionists had for the Shrine of Loreto helps us understand their desire to build a monastery for Passionist cloistered nuns in Loreto. It was a desire that became all the more urgent with the approaching Centenary of the birth of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin (1 March 1838-1938), who before entering the novitiate of Morrovalle, in 1856, went to Loreto to offer himself totally to Jesus Crucified, through the hands of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. The Passionist religious from the PIET Province of East-Central Italy, especially Fr. Alberto Gregori (1873-1943), took the first steps toward establishing the monastery of Loreto during that centennial year as a sign of gratitude to our Lady for the sanctity of the young Gabriel Possenti.

For the realization of this monastery Fr. Alberto found unconditional assistance in Fr. Giuseppe Mastrocola, (1886-1983), a Dominican, who was deeply moved by a letter of St. Gemma Galgani when Jesus revealed to her that the He “needed souls that would offer Him much consolation” and who, by means of their adoration and love, would atone for the offenses continually made against God (letter of St. Gemma to her Director Fr. Germano Ruoppolo, No. 85, October 13, 1901). For many years he wanted to establish a monastery of Passionist nuns in the city of Macerata or in the surrounding area. The

The community of Passionist nuns with Monsignor Tonucci.
The dedication of the Way of the Cross.

meeting of Fr. Mastrocola with Mrs. Adele Nozze Meschieri (1872-1947), a wealthy widow and a person desirous of living in prayer and contemplation, was providential. She confided to him her great sorrow at not having had children, and the Dominican priest, who became her spiritual director, made it clear to her that the Lord now gave her the chance to become “mother” of many souls if she wished, and proposed that she help him with this monastery.

The monastery opened on 26 July 1938 with the arrival of three nuns and a novice, from the Passionist nuns’ monastery of Naples. Soon the monastery was filled with young women. The beginning was humble and poor and not without difficulty. During World War II the community shared in the suffering of the local people, but resumed the process of material reconstruction after the war and also a process of renewal and development that continued especially after the Council with a review of the Rules and Constitutions. Then from the monastery of Loreto a new “flower” blossomed: a Passionist monastery in Malang, Indonesia, on the island of Giawa, that opened in 1995.

The Providential hand of God, which is manifested through the kindness and generosity of so many priests and benefactors, guided this community that today is composed of twelve religious. Recalling the 22 Sisters already in heaven, on September 13-14, 2013 we sang a song of praise and thanksgiving to God for the wonders he has accomplished in seventy-five years of presence in the shadow of the Holy House of the Virgin Mary.

The celebrations for the 75th anniversary of this monastery took the form of a vigil of prayer and adoration on Friday evening, September 13, and the blessing of the Stations of the Cross, located in the garden adjacent to the monastery, donated by benefactors. Afterward we celebrated Holy Mass outdoors, on the afternoon of the 14th.

The General Consultors, Fr. Giuseppe Adobati and Fr. Sabinus Lohin joined the nuns for the Prayer Vigil. At the Mass and blessing of the Way of the Cross, Fr. Gabriele Cingolani (PIET) officially thanked the nuns on behalf of all of the Passionist community for the gift of their life to Christ and to the Church. He particularly thanked them for their prayer on behalf of the Congregation according to the wishes of the Founder, St. Paul of the Cross.

At the end of the Mass, a representative of each religious Institute present Loreto placed a flower in front of the image of the Madonna of Loreto, recalling the words quoted at the beginning: “The more flowers near the Holy House, the better!”
PROFESSION OF FINAL VOWS

Thirteen religious professed Final Vows during the period June to September 2013. In the REPAC Province of Indonesia, Antonius Kema and Marius Rusli professed Perpetual Vows on 07 July 2013. In the REG Province of Mexico, Pedro Méndez Mendoza professed Final Vows on 31 August 2013. In the PIET Province of Italy, Piero Berti, Salvatore Frascina and Marco Staffolani professed Final Vows on 09 September 2013. On the same day, Marco Ermano of the CORM Province of Italy professed Final Vows and in the ASSUM Province of Poland, Jakub Gis and Grzegorz Szczygieł made Perpetual Profession. David Arranz Bermejo and Daniel Galindo Valcarcel of the SCOR Province of Spain and Latin America, professed Final Vows on 15 September 2013. On the same day, Gareth Thomas of the PATR Province of Ireland and Scotland made Final Profession. And finally on 21 September 2013, Francesco Solazzo professed Final Vows in the LAT Province of Italy.

PROFESSION OF FIRST VOWS

During the period of June through September 2013, seventeen Religious professed First Vows. On 09 July 2013 in the REPAC Province of Indonesia, the following religious professed First Vows: Fransiskus E. Agung, Edmundus Anu, Fransiskus Nong Budi, Agato Edy, Krisantus Gore, Asrianus Jito, Alexius Mbega, Yulius Nyipa, Lusianus Rudin, Gumarus Satriawasti, and Bro. Yoneses Paskalis Windy. On the same day in the PATR-MATAF Vicariate of Gift Mulenga professed Annual Vows. On 31 July in the SALV Province of Congo, Dosithee Severin Namwisi Matondo professed First Vows. On 18 August, in the CRUC Province of the USA the following three religious professed First Vows: David-Antonio Aquino, Glenn Bisquera, and Juan Gonzalez. And 14 September 2013, Jakub Barczentewicz professed First Vows in the ASSUM Province Poland.

PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS

Fifteen of our religious were ordained to the Priesthood during the period May to September 2013. On 04 May 2013, Fr. Titus Chullikat and Fr. Nambikai Raj were ordained in the THOM Vice-Province of India. In the SALV Province of Congo, René Dikhi Mbunzu, Hugues Nati Ekob’ata, and Serge Vimbu Phuati were ordained to the priesthood on 19 May 2013. In the ASSUM Province of Poland, Fr. Łukasz Nawotczynski was ordained on 25 May and Fr. Jurii Kurdybacha on 08 June 2013. Fr. Cristiano Massimo Parisi of the DOL Province of Italy was ordained to the priesthood on 04 July 2013 and in the PRAES Province of Italy, Fr. Anthony Maria Chidi Iyiegbu was ordained in Kenya on 13 July 2013. And finally, in the REPAC Province of Indonesia, the following religious were ordained to the priesthood on 27 July: Frs. Nikodemus Gerunung, Kanisius Kariono, Petrus Albertus Parkis, and Gregorius Eddy Pria Santosa. In the same REPAC Province, Frs. Krisantus Siga and Petrus Baru Wake were ordained to the priesthood on 22 August 2013.

DIACONATE ORDINATIONS

During the same period of June to September 2013, fourteen Religious were ordained deacons. In the CORM GEMM Vicariate of Tanzania, Revocatus Paul Kabukiza was ordained a deacon on 18 June 2013. On 21 June,
Davide Spennato of the LAT Province of Italy was ordained to the diaconate. In the SCOR Province of Spain and Latin America the following religious were ordained deacons: on 22 June, Julio Alejandro Blanco González; on 29 June, Roger Tamay Ramírez; on 30 June, Reginaldo Andrade López, Douglas Alexander Carmona Rodríguez, Carlos Rosendo Díaz Castellón, Miguel Angel Merino Rodea, Carlos Mijares González, and Juan Francisco Pereyra Jiménez. On 6 July, Adony Reyes Rosario was ordained a deacon in the PAC Vice-Province of Puerto Rico-Dominican Republic. And on 27 July, also for the SCOR Province, Yovan Alfredo Ramírez was ordained a deacon. Daniele Curci was ordained to the diaconate in the DOL Province of Italy on 04 July 2013 and in the ASSUM Province of Poland, Jakub Gis and Grzegorz Szczygieł were ordained deacons on 22 September 2013.
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Dear friends,

let us bring to Christ’s Cross our joys, our sufferings and our failures. There we will find a Heart that is open to us and understands us, forgives us, loves us and calls us to bear this love in our lives, to love each person, each brother and sister, with the same love.

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