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St. Paul of the Cross Province



First profession of Father Curtis Kiddy, C.P

by Fr. Jim O'Shea, C.P.

It is with profound happiness that I announce the first profession of Father Curtis Kiddy, C.P. was celebrated on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at St. Ann's Basilica, Scranton, PA. Please pray for Father Curtis as he joins those at the Romero House in Wilkes Barre, PA.

Some pictures on the next page and here is the link to the many pictures:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tsnw9amklaqddm3/AACTsgMjp-UxUyQ5E4fZ1n60a?dl=0>



Day	Passionist
3	LEE, John Michael
9	MCMILLAN, John
11	VITALI, Theodore
14	ROGERS, Joseph
17	MURPHY, William
23	LABA, Gerald
31	PRICE, James

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All vowed Passionists are invited to annual community retreat in Jamaica

Immaculate Conception Monastery, Jamaica, NY, will host its annual community retreat for Vowed Passionists, Monday, PM, JANUARY 21 – Friday, AM, JANUARY 25, 2019. Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P., will be the retreat master. The theme will be **Be Not Afraid.**

All Vowed Passionists are welcome!

Contact Father Tom Brislin, C.P., Rector, for reservations.

The 1st Profession of Father Curtis Kiddy, C.P.

September 15th, 2018

St. Ann's, Scranton, PA



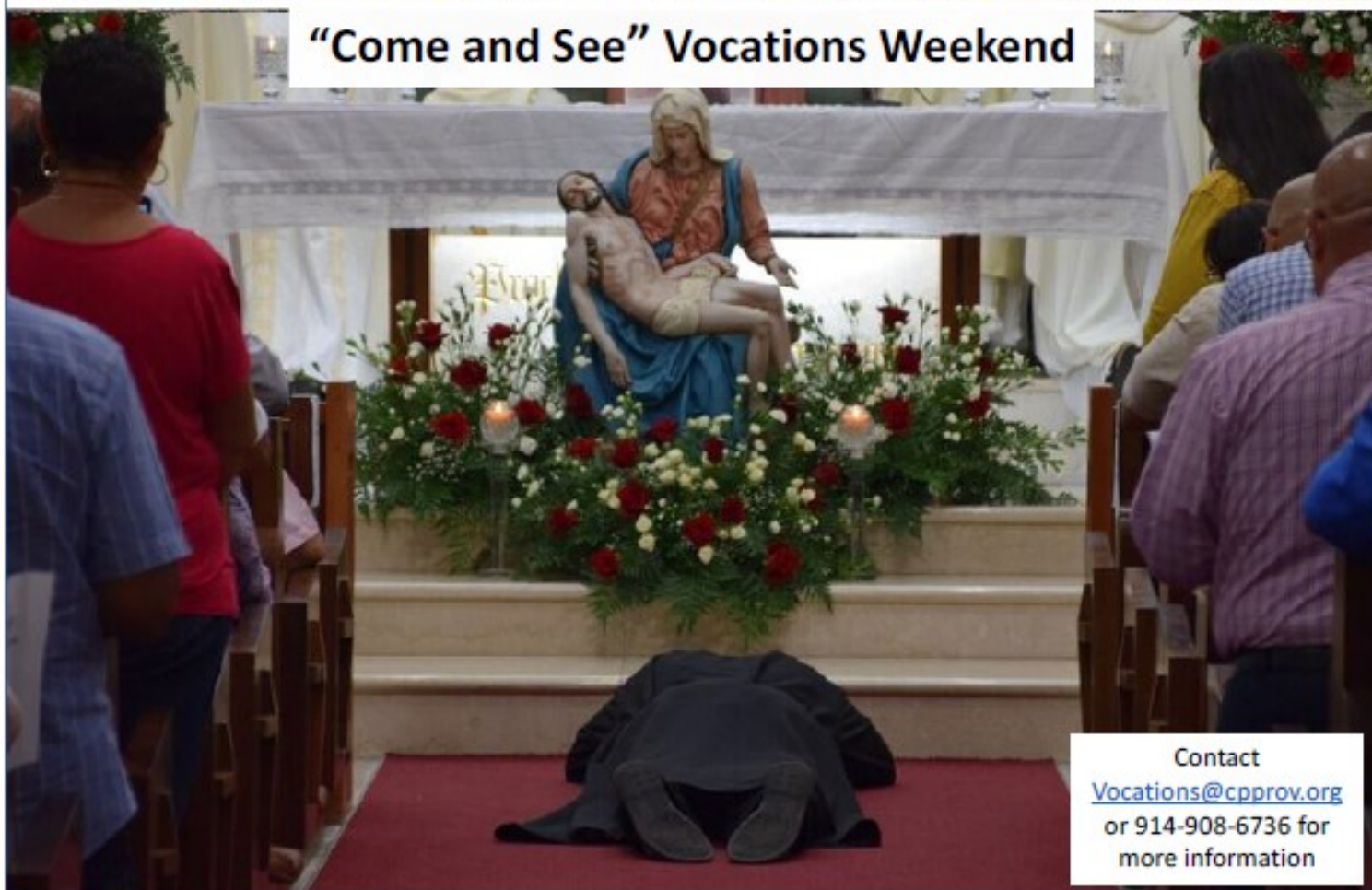


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more information



Dear Friends of the Passionists and of Holy Family,

Remember this past winter, when we couldn't wait for summer? Now with another hot and humid week, we are all hoping the cool air of the fall will soon grace our presence. At Holy Family, not only have we weathered the heat, we've also experienced a very busy summer of programs and changes on campus.

We started our summer with a very busy June. Fr. James Martin, S.J., visited and gave a presentation on his book, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, to a crowd of more than 400 guests in our main dining room (see photo to the right). The very next day we flipped the dining room back to its normal setup to host the reception for 140 guests from our annual golf tournament. Then the following weekend we entertained nearly 80 high school students for our Teen Retreat, which concluded with Mass led by Bishop Peter Rosazza. It was a very busy five-day stretch, but many new people discovered what a great place Holy Family is.



Younger generations embarked on our campus next for our second annual Vacation Bible Camp and our first annual Music Camp for Children. These programs, attended by students ranging from kindergarten to 8th grade, brought a renewed sense of joy and energy to the campus with their beautiful singing and eagerness to learn more about their faith. Here are two links for the highlight videos from each camp, showing how much fun was had by all: [Vacation Bible Camp](#), [Music Camp for Children](#).

The early success of the Monastery Gallery of Art has introduced a whole new audience to Holy Family. We were lucky enough to have an exhibit from Sr. Helen David Brancato, I.M.H. titled "Reflections on the Human Condition" on display this summer. Sr. Helen's exhibit gave us lots of positive publicity and even garnered an [article from the Hartford Courant](#).

The Gallery's next exhibit, "The Power of Words," opens Friday, September 7. The exhibit is by nationally known artist Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord and will include the creation of an installation piece on September 23 from 3:00-5:00 p.m.





Much work continues to be done around the campus. We recently upgraded the A/V system in the main conference room including new speakers and projectors. We've also switched out a lot of mattresses throughout the building and launched a new website. We are now gearing up for one of our largest projects in recent memory, paving the parking lots, driveways and sidewalks. We've recently launched our ["Pave the Way" campaign](#) in an effort to help offset the costs of this project. You may have already received a letter from me in the mail regarding this, but as you can see from the photo, we are in dire need of making

these upgrades to make our campus safer for our guests.

Soon we will start our 2018-19 retreat season and we are all looking forward to this year's theme, [No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life](#), which was inspired by Pope Francis' recent exhortation "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and Be Glad). We hope you can join us this year as we journey together with the hope of discovering that "who we are" and "what we do" matters and can be extraordinary in the light of faith.

Please enjoy this performance of one of our college students singing ["May the Road Rise to Meet You"](#) before heading back to school for the semester.



May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts!



Fr. David Cinquegrani, C.P.
Retreat Director

The 47th General Chapter of the Passionist Congregation.



The General Chapter of the Passionists is an international meeting of its members from around the sixty-three countries in which it is represented. The theme of the Chapter is ***"Renewing our Mission"*** and the primary aims of the Chapter is to review, evaluate, plan for the future and elect leadership to guide the Congregation forward until 2024. The General Chapters are held every six years, and over the 300 years of the Congregation's history, all but four General Chapters have been conducted in Rome in the General House.

Some 85 members of the Congregation attend as voting members with some thirty others attending as translators, interpreters, secretariat and support staff. The Chapter is attended by the members of the General Curia and each Provincial - these attend by 'right'. However, besides these 'ex-officio' members our particular legislation also calls for a slightly higher number of 'capitulars' (as they are known) to be elected by the total membership of the Congregation, and thus these men are elected according to a ratio of one representative for every 25 members. As you can imagine Ss. Giovanni e Paolo will also contain the regular members of the community during October and so the additional visitors will mean that around 140 Passionists will be residing in the house for the month!

This Chapter will also mark the beginning of the celebrations of the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the Congregation. While the actual anniversary will occur in 2020, there will be a three-year phase of preparations and anticipation of this major milestone. Among the 'moments' of the Chapter initiating these celebrations will be the unveiling of a new Icon of our Founder, St Paul of the Cross and the first screening of a new Film on the life of St Paul of the Cross.

During the Chapter, the Passionists will also have a special Papal Audience with the Holy Father. So we will be most fortunate to be able to travel as a group to the Vatican for a one-hour meeting with Pope Francis (who will also be busy with the Synod on Young People, but who has generously agreed to meet with us during the lunch hour!)

The Chapter will also feature three public liturgies celebrated in our Basilica - these are the opening and closing masses and the mass on the Feast of St Paul of the Cross (October 19th). On other days the Passionists will have masses as a group in one of our inside chapels or will celebrate mass in smaller groups according to language or regional groupings.

The Chapter itself is conducted in three languages - Spanish, Italian and English. In all the gatherings in the Chapter Hall, each member wears a headset so that simultaneous translations can take place - thus for example, if a member is speaking in Spanish those who do not speak this language can listen in to the English or Italian translations.

The costs of conducting such a meeting are shared worldwide. That is, the total costs of accommodation, facilities, travel and other associated costs for the meeting are 'grouped' together and then each Province pays its share of the meeting costs according to a formula that is based upon the number of members, each country's Gross Domestic Product and its currency's purchasing power parity.

Major sessions of the Chapter will be devoted to preparing a plan for our future - one that integrates all our resources, finances and personnel in the service of our Mission. The Chapter will also address the topic of safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults, the formation of our students and members, our coming Jubilee and our lay partnerships and forms of association around the world. Other sessions will look to new frontiers for our Congregation, some canonical and juridical issues that we must address, some of our internal organizational issues, our financial budgets for future years and we will hear reports from all of our major office holders. Some external experts will also address the Chapter - on the topics of protection of children and on the formation. Fr Chris Monaghan CP will address the Chapter on the keynote Topic of Renewing our Mission.

Please keep us in your prayers during October.

Fr. Denis Travers, C.P.

General Consultor

Rome, Italy.

Yours in JXP,

Fr. Jim O'Shea, C.P.