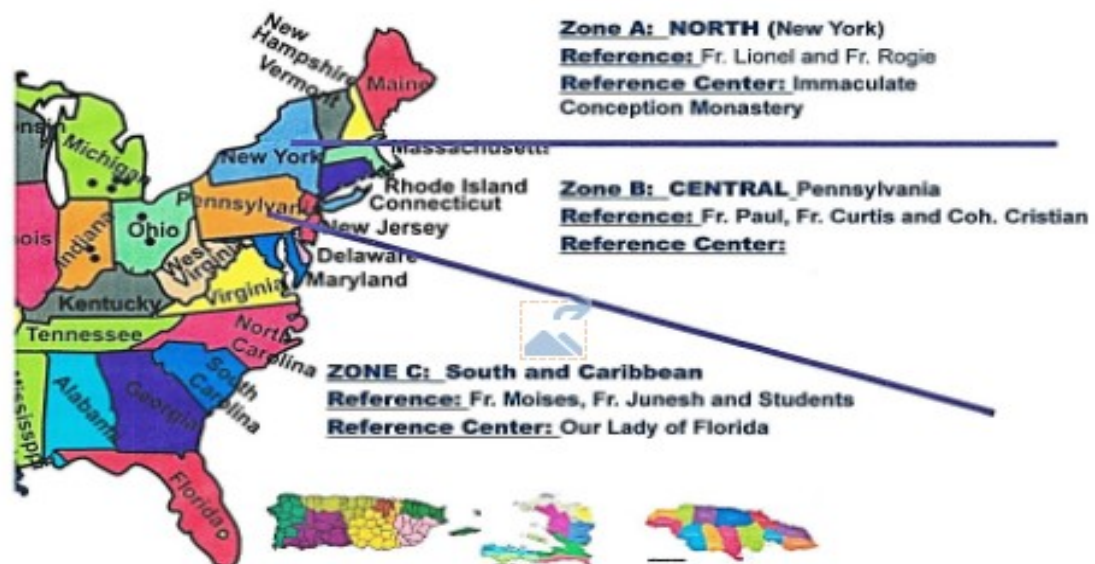




Date	November Birthday
2	FAGAN, Paul
2	KEATING, Earl
4	MCKENNA, Robert
15	BURKE, Richard SCANLON, Terrence
18	SALVAGNA, Michael SUMAMPONG, Jed
19	FINNIGAN, Francis



### Zones of Vocational Work Zonas del Trabajo Vocacional



### 3. Encuentros Vocacionales: "COME and SEE"

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# "Come and See" Event at St. Ann's Parish in Clayton, North Carolina



On Friday, September 27, 2019, Fr. Moisés Rios, Director of Vocations, and Br. Daniel Güivas, one of the theology students, travelled to St. Ann's parish in Clayton, North Carolina, where Fr. Peter Grace is ministering as pastor, for a "Come and See" event.

.....On Saturday, September 28, they led the event with an assistance of five young men and some other members of the parish. The purpose of this event was to present religious life, and specifically the Passionists as a vocational option for them. They talked about the Passionists and about the importance of having a good discernment process in their life. Fr. Jim O'Shea, our Provincial, was present during the weekend and after the talks of the day he addressed the five young men encouraging them to seek their vocation and their purpose in life.





.....It was a wonderful day. It went from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM. The guys started a discernment process where they were able to clarify some questions that they had along the day and ask themselves about their life and their vocation. Hopefully they will continue their process with a second "Come and See" event during the next semester. In the meantime, Fr. Moisés will keep in contact with them to see if they have any interest in continuing their discernment process with us and getting to know them. ¶



.....Let's keep them, their vocations, and their families in our prayers so they may be able to discover God's dream for their lives and give an affirmative response to whatever they find in their process. ¶

→ As for the upcoming vocations events, these are the scheduled "Come and See" retreats: ¶

Date	Place
November 8--10	Pittsburgh, PA
November 15--17	Jamaica, N.Y.
November 29--December 1	Puerto Rico

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Besides sharing these dates to those who may be interested in participating, please keep praying for vocations, and for the work that is being done by the Vocations Team. ¶

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***MAY OUR FOUNDER,  
SAINT PAUL OF THE  
CROSS, AND ALL THE  
PASSIONIST SAINTS,  
INTERCEDE FOR US  
AND FOR THOSE  
DISCERNING THEIR  
VOCATION WITH US... ¶***

# VOCATIONAL PROMOTION



On October 5 and 6, Fr. Moisés Ríos, CP was at San José Parish in Aguadilla (Puerto Rico) doing vocational promotion at the five Masses during the weekend. He was accompanied by a married couple from the Lay Passionist Movement in San Sebastian. They are in charge of the Vocations Pastoral of the Movement. It was an exhausting weekend, but it was fruitful. Five young men from the parish said they are interested in attending the upcoming "Come and See" weekend retreat in November. Others took some information and were also thinking about attending the retreat. Information material was handed out for people to share with their younger relatives. It was a weekend that will hopefully bear fruits, to the Glory of God.



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## PROMOCION VOCACIONAL



*El pasado 5 y 6 de octubre, el P. Moisés Ríos, CP estuvo en la Parroquia San José del poblado San Antonio en Aguadilla, haciendo promoción vocacional en las 5 misas del fin de semana en ese lugar. Le acompañaron una pareja de matrimonio miembros del Movimiento Laical Pasionista de San Sebastián y encargados de la pastoral vocacional del movimiento. Fue un fin de semana agotador, pero con resultados. Cinco jóvenes de la parroquia se inscribieron con deseos de hacer nuestro "Come and See" en noviembre, además otros no se inscribieron, pero se llevaron toda la información para poder corroborar con sus estudios si podían participar. Se repartió material informativo, a todos para que llevaran a sus casas y le hicieran llegar a sus parientes más jóvenes. Fue un fin de semana que rendirá sus frutos, para la gloria de Dios.*





## Riverdale Associates Re-covenanting

On October 26, the Riverdale Associates had their annual re-covenanting service. This group was the first Passionist Associates in the province .

We sincerely thank Fr. Jim Barry C.P., for keeping this group together. For many years, since the closing of the Riverdale Retreat House in 2011, we did not have a Passionist presence.

Fr. Jim developed this service with Kay Ryan and he brought gifts from the Jamaica Associates.



# LAY PASSIONIST MOVEMENT



The Saint Sebastian Martyr parish, in San Sebastián, Puerto Rico, was attended during 53 years by the Passionists. In 2018 it was handed back to the Diocese of Mayagüez. There is a Lay Passionist Movement group with 53 members that are very actively

involved in the parish pastoral. On October 8, nine new members consecrated their lives to Christ Crucified after participating in the Gethsemanee Experience (a Passionist retreat) and after receiving formation on Passionist Spirituality. The ceremony was



attended by Fr. Eric Bosques, Parish Vicar, Fr. Anibal Rodríguez, CP, delegated by the Provincial to Puerto Rico, Fr. Moisés Ríos, CP, spiritual guide for the Movement, and Victor Torres and Adalberto Colón, deacons from the parish. The church was filled with relatives and other members of the Movement. Fr. Moisés presided the

Mass and, after the homily, Fr. Anibal, delegated by the Provincial, received the consecration of the new members. After the ceremony the attendants shared some food.



This group maintains the spirituality that was planted during

the 53 years of Passionist presence in the parish. They are now working hand in hand with the new diocesan priests of the parish. They are deeply committed to the Movement and to Jesus Crucified. They meet every fifteen days to have formation and to share a meditation (*lectio divina*) about the passion. They each work in the Movement and/or in a parish group injecting our spirituality to the parish.





# MOVIMIENTO LAICAL PASIONISTA



*La Parroquia San Sebastián Mártir, en San Sebastián Puerto Rico, fue una iglesia regentada por 53 años por los Pasionistas y en el 2018 de le devolvió a la diócesis. Aquí existe el Movimiento Laical Pasionista con 53 miembros. El 8 de octubre de 2019, 9 nuevos*



*miembros, luego de haber participado de la experiencia Getsemaní y de una formación intensa en la espiritualidad pasionista, decidieron consagrar sus vidas a Cristo crucificado. En la ceremonia estuvieron presentes el P. Eric Bosques, Vicario Parroquial, el P. Aníbal Rodríguez CP, delegado del Provincial para Puerto Rico, P. Moisés Ríos CP, acompañante espiritual del movimiento y los diáconos de la parroquia, Víctor Torres y Adalberto Colón. La iglesia estaba llena de familiares y de los miembros activos del movimiento. Presidió la celebración el P. Moisés y luego de la homilía el P. Aníbal recibió la consagración de los nuevos miembros como delegado del Provincial. Terminada la ceremonia, compartimos en el atrio del templo unos entremeses que habían preparado.*



*Estos laicos mantienen la espiritualidad sembrada por 53 años por los pasionistas y trabajan mano a mano con los nuevos sacerdotes diocesanos de la parroquia. Viven enamorados del Crucificado y se reúnen cada 15 días para su formación y meditación (lectio divina) en la pasión. Cada uno trabaja en el movimiento o grupo al que pertenece inyectando nuestra espiritualidad.*

# Passionists in China

Letter from Rob Carbonneau, C.P. Province Historian

Dear Passionist Family,

None of us can escape news from China. As Passionists, and those associated with the Passionists, everyday headlines present the opportunity to remind us of Passionist mission to China from 1921 to 1955. As many of us know, it continues today.

Scholars in China, the United States and internationally have come to recognize the value of The Passionist China Collection as an important dimension of the overall Passionist Historical Archives that is located as part of the McHugh Special Collections, The University of Scranton Special Collection University of Scranton and Province Pastoral Center at Rye Brook, New York.

This past weekend we Passionists in the Americas celebrated the Feast of St. Paul of the Cross on October 20. I was very much aware of this as I was in China. On October 19, 2019 I presented a history paper: "Continuing Understanding and Friendship: Historical Background on the Cormac Shanahan Diary, Press Party to Yan'an, 1944." I was honored to be invited as a keynote speaker at this China conference : Social Construction and News Communication Culture during the Yan'an Period under Multiple Perspectives. The conference was sponsored by the China Journalists Association. Shaanxi's Journalist Association and Northwest University, Xi'an China and Institute of Yan'an Spirit and party construction of Northwest University.

Yan'an is a famous city as it was the 1935 destination of the Mao Zedong Long March. Passionist missionary to China, Father Cormac Shanahan was one of the reporters who got permission to visit Mao in 1944 as part of the Yan'an Press Party. The Passionist Historical Archives China Collection has his personal diary of that trip. One photo is me presenting my paper on October 19; a second photo is me standing at the famous Lu Xun Academy which began training Yan'an Communists in 1937. In 1935 it had been built as a new local Chinese Catholic church.

Photos shared are me as I present during the conference and at the historic site that once was the Chinese Catholic Church. According to the Shanahan diary of 1944, all indications are that he celebrated that last Catholic mass there is June 1944. Subsequently, he published an article about this in *Sign Magazine*, the Passionist publication, 1921-1981. I am pleased to share this with you as we continue to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Passionists.

May the Passion of Jesus Christ Be Always In Our Hearts

During the fall semester 2019 Rob Carbonneau is teaching two courses at the University of Scranton:

An Introduction To Modern China whereby part of the assignment includes students write one paper on archive photos from the Passionist China; another paper will focus on an essay that will offer an historical context for China articles published in The Sign Magazine .

A second course is an independent study with a senior who is assigned to assist in the Passionist Historical Archives Collection located at the University of Scranton.



# Repairing St. Benedicts Clinic in Honduras



## The great problem in Honduras

The need for this is, mainly attributed to a drop in public budgets for health and education as a proportion of overall government spending. According to, a recent article in the NYT-article below, Ismael Zepeda, an economist with Fosdeh, a Tegucigalpa research institution, stated that in 2010, the health budget accounted for some 12 or 13 percent of the whole government budget. Next year 2020, it will be 6 percent. Dr. Casey told me that even the hospitals don't have enough medicine. This is coupled with several missionary organizations withdrawing staff/volunteers from Honduras due to concerns for safety. The US Government in March also announced that they were cutting back aid that was allocated toward strengthening civil society (health/education) and chipping away at the power of gangs and drug cartels in Honduras. There is not one single area where you can say the country is doing well," said Dr. Suyapa Figueroa, the president of the Honduran medical association, who said she has watched health services decline over the past 10 years.

## A relief for the people

Amidst all of this, St. Benedict's continues to serve a catchment area of 80,000 people. For the most part, the Passionists in liaison with Dr. Casey have been providing medicine and supplies to the clinic. The Passionists also provide funding toward salaries for the director and security.

## **History of the clinic**

The clinic was founded originally by the Passionists, it functions under the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa and the Catholic Church of Honduras. The Passionists are still involved, manage US funding, assist with the purchase of medicines etc. It is located in Los Pinos which is on the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, the capitol. It was put there because that area was one of the poorest in the city. Los Pinos has a population of about 40,000 but the clinic serves an area of about 80,000. Many people travel to get there because in the clinic they frequently have services and free medicines that the other clinics don't have. The clinic has gained a reputation over the years as being one of, if not the best, clinic in their system because what people can receive there and also that fact that they are treated with respect as human beings. The clinic also serves as part of the teaching program of the Medical School in Tegucigalpa.

## **AMAZING—What has been accomplished**

- Dental clinic with 3 dentists

- Medical clinic where they have 3-4 Internal medicine doctors

- Psychology services (2 psychologists)

- Psychiatry (1 psychiatrist)

- Pharmacy where the medicines are free

- Vaccine program in and through the clinic where they visit families in their houses to give them vaccines

- Laboratory where they perform simple microbiological tests and simpler routine chemical blood tests

- Area for providing nebulization treatment for children with asthma

- Area for assessing potential victims of domestic violence and some group therapy. Some mandated by the courts

- Social worker

- Public health to deal with some of the infectious diseases that have vectors such as mosquitos

## **Services are provided annually.**

- 30,000 General Medical patients seen

- 5,000 pregnant woman

- 6,000 children less than 5 years of age are seen

- 1,500 cytologies

- 5,000 visits to then dental clinic for multiple needs

- 7,000 visits for psychological reasons





**A:** Todos los Religiosos de la Provincia

**De:** Passionist Vocation Office

**Asunto:** Proyecto Vocacional

Reciban un fraternal saludo:

Como les había dicho en la Asamblea pasada, celebrada en Jamaica, les estoy enviado la información detallada de todo lo relacionado a la Pastoral Vocacional en la Provincia. Deseo informarles y a la vez recibir el apoyo y la ayuda necesaria en esta ardua labor; *"Todos somos responsables de la vitalidad y desarrollo de la Congregación. La fidelidad al carisma de San Pablo de la Cruz, manifestada en una vida diligentemente laboriosa, llena de alegría interior y sostenida por la fraterna colaboración de la Comunidad, constituye la mejor invitación para los jóvenes llamados a formar parte de la vida."* Const. #79

## 1. EQUIPO VOCACIONAL

Les presento oficialmente los nombres de los miembros del Equipo Vocacional de la Provincia:

- P. Moisés Ríos – Coordinador
- P. Junesh Vakapadath
- P. Rogie Castellano
- P. Lionel Pacheco
- P. Curtis Kiddy
- Estudiantes:
  - Hno. Luis D. Guivas
  - Hno. Jonathan Pabón
  - Coh. Cristian Martínez

**To:** All the Religious in the Province

**From:** Passionist Vocation Office

**Subject:** Vocational Project

Receive a fraternal greeting.

As I told you at the past Assembly, in Jamaica, I am sending you the detailed information regarding the Vocational Pastoral of our Province. I wish to inform you, and at the same time count with your help and support in this important task. As it is written in our Constitutions: *"Each of us is responsible for the vitality and continued growth of the Congregation. The most persuasive invitation to young people to come and share our Passionist life is given when they find us faithful to the charism of Saint Paul of the Cross. They should see us as employed in a life of meaningful service, which is characterized by joyfulness of spirit, and sustained by the wholehearted support of a community of brother."* (Const., 79)

## 1. VOCATIONS TEAM

I officially present to you the names of the members of the Vocations Team of our Province:

- Fr. Moises Rios – Coordinator
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- Fr. Lionel Pacheco
- Fr. Curtis Kiddy
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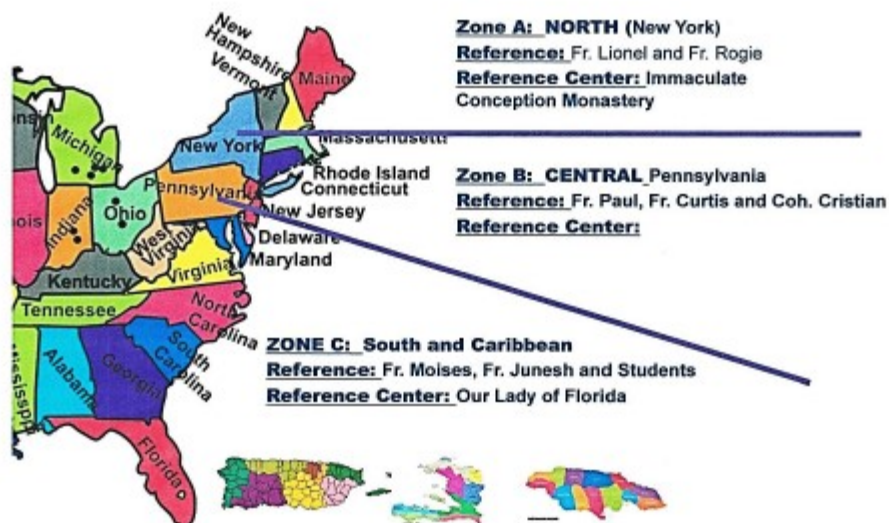
## 2. ZONAS

Para hacer un trabajo más efectivo, abarcador y a la vez atajar gastos, hemos dividido la Provincia en tres zonas. En cada zona hay un referente del Equipo Vocacional que será el enlace directo con la Oficina de Vocaciones para los contactos y seguimientos. Verán en el mapa las tres zonas y sus referentes:

## 2. ZONES

To make work more effective, comprehensive, and at the same time reduce costs, we have divided the Province into three zones. In each area there is a member of the Vocational Team that will be the direct link with the Vocations Office for contacts and follow-ups. You will see on the map the three zones and their references:

### Zones of Vocational Work Zonas del Trabajo Vocacional



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#### 4. TEMAS A TRATAR EN LOS ENCUENTROS:

- a. **Come and See #1:** "Discernimiento" y ¿Quiénes somos los Pasionistas?
- b. **Come and See #2:** Vocación y quiénes son San Pablo de la Cruz y San Gabriel de la Dolorosa
- c. **Come and Follow:** Etapas de nuestro proceso formativo, Mirada a la Congregación Pasionista y un breve recorrido por la historia de la Provincia

#### 5. MATERIALES

Poseemos material de apoyo para las comunidades. Este material es para repartir y hacer propaganda en los grupos, en la iglesia, parroquia o santuario. Pueden hacer sus pedidos a la Oficina y se le enviará a su comunidad. POR FAVOR, el material solo no se mueve, hay que promocionarlo, no lo ponga en una esquina o gaveta, hágalo llegar a los interesados.

He aquí una lista de los materiales que poseemos:

##### Español\*

1. Marcadores "Ven y Sígueme"
2. Folletitos de San Pablo de la Cruz
3. Folletitos de San Gabriel de la Dolorosa
4. Vida de San Pablo de la Cruz (Adolfo Lippi).
5. Nuestra Pasión (libro)
6. Métodos fáciles para meditar (Clemente Sobrado)
7. Devoto de la Pasión (libro)
8. Frases de San Pablo de la Cruz para cada día (libro)
9. Vida, Diario y Espiritualidad de San Pablo de la Cruz
10. Misal Propio de la Congregación

\* El material en inglés y español es distinto.

#### 4. THEMES:

- a. **Come and See #1:** "Discernment" and "Who are the Passionists?"
- b. **Come and See #2:** "Vocation", "St. Paul of the Cross" and "St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother"
- c. **Come and Follow:** "Our formation process", "A look at the Passionist Congregation", and "A brief history of our Province"

#### 5. MATERIALS

We have some materials available upon request for the communities. This material is intended to be handed out and used with the different groups that we work with. You may communicate with us and we'll ship it to your community. PLEASE, make this material available to those who may be interested. Don't just leave it on a table or in a corner waiting for people to take them.

Here is a list of the materials we have available for vocational work:

##### English\*

1. Missal Proper
2. Passionist Proper Offices
3. Saint Paul of the Cross (book)
4. "Come and Follow" Markers
5. Passionist Vocational Prayer Cards
6. St. Paul of the Cross Leaflet
7. St. Gabriel Leaflet
8. Who are the Passionist Leaflet
9. St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother (Book by Gingolani)

\* The Spanish and English materials are different.

## 6). DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROCESO

Trataré de hacer en forma breve y concisa, una descripción del proceso que se irá siguiendo:

- a. Se convoca a los jóvenes varones interesados a un primer Come and See.
- b. Se le ofrecerá un ejercicio que irán contestando a lo largo del encuentro, para tener una idea de los que sabe el chico sobre la vida religiosa y la congregación y así poderle ayudar con materiales durante el proceso.
- c. Tiene una entrevista personal durante el encuentro con nosotros; en esa entrevista abordaremos un poco en estos temas: su vida personal, familiar, su experiencia de Dios y vocacional.
- d. Luego de esta entrevista, los que desean seguir un proceso de discernimiento con nosotros, son presentados al director vocacional para establecer e iniciar el proceso. De no poseer un director espiritual, se le sugerirá uno.
- e. El proceso abarca todo un año y profundizara mediante trabajos personales y diálogos frecuentes en su vida personal, familiar, su experiencia de Dios y vocacional. Durante este año, en la medida de lo posible, participará en un segundo Come and See.
- f. Finalizado el proceso de un año se espera que el joven tome su decisión y haga aplicación. Se le entregará un informe detallado al Provincial y su Consejo y se le indicará un día para su entrevista personal con el Provincial.

## 6). DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCESS

I'll try to explain briefly the whole discernment process that each candidate will go through with our help:

- a. We invite the young men interested to participate in the first "Come and See" retreat.
- b. They will be provided with some material that will fill in during the retreat. The purpose of this material is to get an idea of what they know about us and about religious life in order to be able to provide them with other material that may help their discernment process.
- c. During the retreat each candidate will have an interview with us where we'll talk about their life, their family, their vocation and their experience of God.
- d. After this interview, those who are interested in continuing their discernment process with us will be presented to the Vocations Director to start their process. If they don't have a Spiritual Director, one will be suggested to them
- e. The process takes a whole year. During that time the candidate will be provided some material that will help him discern his vocation. He will also be in frequent dialogue with us. During that year the candidate, if possible, will participate in a second "Come and See" retreat.
- f. After this one year process the candidate is expected to make a decision and fill in the application. After that, Provincial and his Counsel will be informed and they will set up a date for a meeting with the Provincial.



g. El candidato participará en un "Come and Follow", donde compartirá la vida de una comunidad durante algunos días. Durante esa experiencia se les informará de los requisitos que deben presentar para unirse a nosotros.

## 7. COLABORACIÓN

En el Capítulo Provincial se aprobó un acuerdo donde cada comunidad asignará a un religioso, religiosa o asociado, para ser el enlace con la oficina vocacional y la comunidad.

Necesitamos llegar a las escuelas superiores, universidades, grupos parroquiales y otros lugares: ellos nos podrían brindar la mano para este acercamiento.

Por eso le solicito a cada superior local de cada comunidad que antes del jueves, 31 de octubre me hagan llegar el o los nombres de esas personas escogidas para esa labor.

Espero haber abarcado todo, para brindarles una buena información. Pueden comunicarse conmigo al teléfono 561-626-1300 en la Florida o escribirme a mi correo electrónico.

Con mucha esperanza les agradezco a todos.

Que la pasión de Cristo este grabada en nuestros corazones.



P. Moisés Ríos Ruiz, CP  
Director Vocacional

g. The candidate will participate in a "Come and Follow", where they will share the life of a community for some days. During that experience they will be informed of the requirements that they need to present to join us.

## 7. COLABORATION

In our last Provincial Chapter, we agreed that each community would assign someone (religious or lay) to be in constant communication with the Vocations office.

We need to reach out to High Schools, universities, parish groups and other places. They will help us to get in contact with young men that may be interested in exploring their vocation.

Therefore, I ask each local leader to send me the name(s) of those people that will help us with that task before Thursday, October 31, 2019.

I hope I was able to provide sufficient information. You may contact me by phone (561-626-1300) at Our Lady Florida, or you may email me (pmoisers@gmail.com).

With much hope, I thank you all.

May the passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be always in our heart.



Fr. Moises Ríos-Ruiz, CP  
Vocations Director