

OUR TIME AND THE LORD OF HISTORY

WORD FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM



The year 2020 is, thankfully, gone.

It was a most difficult year. It brought the world to its knees. As of this writing, the number of deaths caused by COVID-19 pandemic has breached the two million mark.

Our Congregation was not spared. More than 200 confreres were infected with COVID-19 virus; some died.

The current pandemic is still unravelling. We can only hope that it is on the wane.

So, how do we make sense of the year that has just passed in the light of the pandemic?

We have realized many things during the past year.

We have been starkly reminded that our earthly life is so fragile; that we are so small in the larger scheme of things; that we **are** all in the same ship sailing on turbulent seas; that the pandemic has exposed our vulnerabilities; that a wide gap divides the rich and the poor; that we have to be more graciously mindful of the **least** among us; that the current pandemic made us more keenly aware how much havoc we have wreaked on Nature; and that we are all fleeting creatures . . .

Having said all that, is there still another standpoint from which we can appraise the present state of affairs?

Perhaps, it helps to look back to the past.

Fr. Nicholas Blum, the successor of St. Arnold, lived through one of the most tumultuous periods in the history of our Congregation. He was at the helm of leadership when World War I broke out on the 28th of July 1914 and ended on the 11th of November 1918.

He was still the General Superior when the so-called "Spanish flu" struck the world (1918-1920).

Both WW I and the pandemic deeply impacted our Congregation in their wakes. The Society paid a hefty price and suffered heavy casualties during the War: 1,467 confreres and students were conscripted as combatants of the war: 181 died; 400 were wounded; 95 taken as prisoners of war; and 23 ended up missing in action.

During the outbreak of "Spanish Flu," many SVD students and confreres got sick of the ravaging flu. Fr. Blum reported on the 19th of August 1918 that 120 students were sick of the virus in St. Gregory House in Steyl. Six days later the number went up to 150. A number of students and confreres died from the flu.

What strikes us in reading this part of our history is that a **radical change** imperceptibly occurred in the **general outlook** (*Weltanschauung*) of the Congregation in the aftermath of this double whammy of war and pandemic.

It may be recalled that when WW I commenced,

the event was received by our confreres in Germany and Austria with soldierly enthusiasm and optimism.

In its October 1914 issue, the *Steyler Missionbote* screamed: The Wartime: The Time of Grace! Fr. Blum styled the conflict “[a] just and holy war that . . . [calls] for every sacrifice.”

We cannot fault our confreres at the time for having missed, *perhaps*, the deeper meaning of the times. After all, they only thought, acted, and viewed the events within the remit of their epoch and milieu.

The outcome of the war and the effects of the 1918 pandemic dashed the expectations of Fr. Blum and our confreres. Their worldview seemed to have fallen apart. The Central Powers—Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Ottoman Empire—lost the war; Europe lay prostrate in ruins; millions were killed and wounded; and millions more died during the pandemic.

When WW I ended and the pandemic started to ebb—and after his view of the war completely changed—Fr. Blum took a sober but hopeful view of the future: “I am not afraid for the Society, even if we lose all our property and money.” He also said, “I know, and this consoles me: where I stand and walk, the Lord is in me, with me and with all others.”

Fr. Blum, a man of faith, always looked at the brighter side of things despite the calamities of war and pandemic. “*Deus providebit*” (The Lord will provide) was his motto. “Although in many places the war has destroyed the work that we have built with much sacrifice . . . , nevertheless, when we look at the fields of our work, there is sense of satisfaction and gratitude to God,” he said.

Two major shifts in the **general outlook** of our Congregation happened after the war and the pandemic—fundamental changes that eventually shaped the direction and manner of doing our SVD mission.

The first change was the realization that our Congregation could no longer remain German-Austrian in substance. Fr. Blum wrote: “French and English missionaries, and no less the Dutch missionaries, are lacking now very much. Our views were too narrow in the past.” From that time on, the SVD formation and mission ceased to be homogeneous.

The second change was the effect of the first: the SVD became **more international** in character. The early stirrings of this development were already palpable even while the war was still raging in Europe.

In September 1917, our seminary in Techny was

thriving with 95 seminarians from 12 different nations.

Fr. Jürgen Ommerborn noted that the Techny community was the **first international** SVD community. Thereafter, the SVD became more and more open to candidates from all nationalities.

Great historical events have a way of altering the **worldviews** of nations. The current global scourge is still unfolding. We do not know if it will become another watershed in history. Perhaps we are still too close to the event. Perhaps we need a historical perspective to understand the present state of affairs.

And we do not know how profoundly the pandemic will affect our way of being as a Congregation in the long run.

Our task today is to prayerfully discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit. But we have to keep our sleeves rolled up and continue God’s work entrusted to us in a more thoughtful, creative, and enterprising way—to “think out of the box.”

As we begin another year, our sentiment should be one of expectant trust. We know that the course of events is steered by the Lord of History. The future of the Congregation is in the Lord’s hands—**not** ours (happily!).

So, we should have **no** fear.

Whatever happens, it is the Holy Spirit who will recreate and renew all things.

Fr. Blum exemplified the virtue of hopeful trust. After WW I, he said, “The war is a great disaster for missionary work.

Yet, the Lord God will know how to turn evil into good and will let rich blessings come from the sacrifices.”

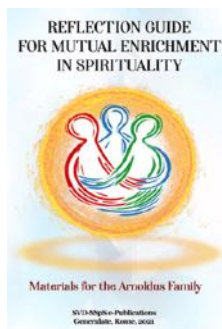
St. Arnold also expressed the same confident faith. He once remarked: “We live in a time when many things fall apart, but precisely because of this, other things have to be created anew.”

Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden and the Leadership Team

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GENERALATE NEWS

The Reflection Guide For Mutual Enrichment in Spirituality



The Reflection Guide For Mutual Enrichment in Spirituality is now available in www.svdcuria.org and www.vivatdeus.org. This reflection guide for the Arnoldus Family and lay and mission partners is meant “to promote appreciation of and mutual enrichment by different cultural expressions of spiritualities present among the members of our community”. It is also “for mutual enrichment in spirituality with lay associates to strengthen our collaboration.”

We recommend that these guidelines be used in our communities and groups. How to use this Reflection Guide? This can be used by an SVD community or SSPS community or mission partners group or this can be used for Arnoldus family members’ common activities. Depending on the occasion or the need, people can take one sample or the other and follow the steps as given or adapt to the local situation. Prayer sessions together with agape are encouraged to build community life. You may also use this with people in local institutions, schools or in parishes according to the situation.

SVD Tertiate Renewal Course in English cancelled

On January 10, 2021, the General Council discussed the forthcoming SVD Tertiate Renewal Course in English scheduled for April 13 to July 10, 2021, at Nemi. Fr. Superior General, with the consent of his Council, has decided to postpone the Renewal Course indefinitely. Once again, the General Council considered the developments of the COVID-19 pandemic and the continuous risk it poses. It has to be noted that very few confreres have expressed their intentions to join the renewal course. The SVD Tertiate will be rescheduled at a later date.

Extraordinary Caucus (Planning Sessions)

From January 7 until January 12, the General Council, headed by Superior General Paulus Budi Kleden, along with the Zonal Coordinators, and the officials of the Generalate, met through a zoom meeting for the Caucus (Planning Sessions). The majority of those who usually participate in the Planning Sessions could not travel to Rome because of the travel restrictions and other precautionary measures.

During the well-coordinated zoom meeting, the Generalate officers, secretaries, and coordinators pre-

sented their reports. Time was also devoted to revisiting the schedule for General Visitations, some of them cancelled due to COVID-19, the First Assignments, among others. The participants had bible sharing in small groups via zoom.

During the Caucus, the Superior General gave an overview of the Society’s situation. With the pandemic still looming, some challenges require new directions and approaches in our ministries. There were suggestions for the Caucus participants on how to carry out their leadership service in the pandemic times and beyond. General Councilor Anselmo Ribeiro delivered a talk on “SVD Leadership during pandemic times.”

JPIC General Coordinator now holds office in the Generalate

Bro. Carlos Jose Ferrada Montero, SVD, was appointed as the Generalate Coordinator for JPIC last August 4, 2020. He already arrived in Rome to start holding his office at the SVD Generalate Curia in Rome.

We wish him well as he continues the work done by his predecessor, Msgr. Daisuke Narui, SVD, of the Niigata Prefecture, Japan. As we thank him for his willingness to move from his beloved city of Cebu to assume this commitment, we wish him well. It did not take long after his arrival. General Secretary Jose Nicolas Espinosa gave him the list of things to do. Among them are ASAP (as soon as possible).

Videos – COVID-19 and Mission

Several videos on our mission amid the pandemic have been posted on our websites svdcuria.org and witword.org. Kindly use these videos for mission animation in your PRMs. The latest of these videos was released on December 29, 2020. It features Fr. Philip Gibbs SVD, the President of Divine Word University in Madang. He shares about the PNG response to COVID-19. There are subtitles in Spanish.

The Superior General’s words to formators and formandi

In a circular, Father Superior General expressed his appreciation and gratitude for the extraordinary efforts to keep our formation program going during this challenging time of the global pandemic. He said, “Despite the restrictions, many of our formation communities were trying commendably, courageously yet cautiously, to uphold the objectives of our religious missionary formation.”

Directing to the formators and formandi, he penned these words, “Formation is a collaborative enterprise that entails mutual learning and growth. Just as the formators need to be aware of their roles in the areas of

direction, reflection, and evaluation in accompanying the formandi, so also the formandi need to be creative, open, receptive, generous, humble, responsible, and co-operative to the unconventional and innovative efforts of the formator. . . You are aware that the task of prepar-

ing and becoming transforming missionary disciples of Jesus can be better served in an environment of mutual love, trust, freedom, responsibility, sacrifice, and self-discipline."

Special Report



Living the pandemic:

We need a hand, and we lend one

The President-elect of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, said the following in his inaugural address, There are some days when we need a hand. There are other days when we're called on to lend one. That is how we must be with one another.

These very words reflect what we have been through as a Congregation amid this pandemic. On the occasion of the 145th anniversary of the Society of the Divine Word, Fr. Superior General reminded us, "It is essential to continue to be responsible for ourselves and others, especially our elderly confreres. Responsible care will free us from being imprisoned in fear and from being too negligent. Our care is also extended to those who work with us, to the poor and the needy."

Since the outbreak of the pandemic, our institutions,

ministries, houses of formation, parishes, among others, have experienced in various ways the meaning and the spirit of "We are in this together." Our unified efforts and creativity to respond to different needs also led us to discover that we, as missionaries, are vulnerable and fragile. We are not only lenders of hands; we also need hands.

Fr. Budi Kleden, in his message on the occasion of this year's Feastday of our Founder, cited the following, "In September 1907 Saint Arnold wrote to Fr. Carolus Degenhardt in Chile who reported some difficulties in the mission: "I would encourage you to look to the future with increased confidence, despite all tribulations. A sapling that is shaken by the wind puts down sturdy roots, and it is to be hoped that it will be the same with us."

As we traverse through this pandemic, each of us needs a hand, and we lend one.

COVID-19 pandemic: A moment to introspect and embrace a new way of being and living



Fr. Richard Mathias, SVD, the Provincial of INM, expresses his belief that the COVID-19 pandemic is a privileged moment for humanity to introspect and embrace a new way of being and living. He shares how this moment has been experienced in his province, resulting in significant realizations, lessons, and directions for our life and mission as Divine Word Missionaries.

We believe as Divine Word Missionaries, and we are impelled by the Divine Word, who became flesh to be our God-Emmanuel to give us life in abundance, to continue to live out our missionary vocation of proclaiming the joy of the Gospel in all situations of life by becoming "all things to all people" (1 Cor. 9:22).

Our founder, St. Arnold Janssen, whose feast we celebrate on January 15, also encourages us to put our complete trust in God's providential care in every sit-

uation of our life. "Trust the Lord in every situation, whether it is day or dark night, whether storm clouds fly overhead or the sun smiles down gently. Leave everything in His hands. Oh, He means so well with you. When the time comes, He will calm the storms, and you are safe in His care!" This, in essence, summarizes our life and mission as the missionary disciples of the Lord in the given context of the COVID-19 pandemic in India Mumbai Province.

We believe the COVID-19 pandemic is a sign for all of us and for the whole of humanity to introspect and embrace a new way of being and living. As we know, an invisible virus, that we can't even call a living organism in the proper sense of the word, has effectively held the whole world to ransom. Under the extended lockdowns, restrictions, and sickness, it was natural for us to clamor for normalcy. But we realized that normalcy should not mean that the virus disappears. We continue to live our lives as before with all sorts of corruption, exploitations, and disadvantages. We must long for normalcy that promotes life and fosters love and care in the human family.

This pandemic has set us on a journey from bondage and slavery to the promised land of hope, love, peace, and justice. Even though initially we were crippled by fear and uncertainty, in retrospect, we feel happy that God chose us to be his partners and instruments in the process of establishing a new heaven and a new earth. It was a call for all of us to move to a reconciled, harmonized, and all-inclusive existence as individuals and communities. (Cf. Is. 11:5-9) Thus our efforts were directed towards returning to a normal life that God desires for us. Therefore, we decisively opted to create an atmosphere of love and sharing by making the necessary adaptations to the new challenges and moved on with our life and mission. Thus, we could make significant contributions to each other's welfare and that of our fellow brothers and sisters.

The future was uncertain and filled with challenges and risks. However, uncertainties and challenges did not make us pessimistic and lose hope. We realized that it was a time to be prophetic signs of hope in the church and the world. When the laity challenged us, priests and religious, we had to make the necessary shifts to embrace life in its totality with its certainties and uncertainties by their criticism of the lack of faith. We move out of our comfort zones of clericalism to be with the suffering of humanity. We are happy that practically all of our communities and confreres could reach out to the people with the available resources.

Being with the people, we moved from the 'selfie culture' where one's ego and self are glorified to the dharma of compassion, reconciliation, and justice that binds everything and everyone together. We recognized that human suffering and tragedies could be transformed into opportunities to serve and heal the world by networking with like-minded people and organizations. Thus, as missionaries, we had the chance to move out of our prejudices, dividing our mentalities and individualism to serve the human family. This was critical for us in India, where the politicians and fundamentalists are trying to divide the people based on religion and sow seeds of hatred and division.

The coronavirus has forcefully put us together or levelled us by removing all labels and distinctions. It has shown us that we are humans – 'Fratelli Tutti'. We are made aware that we are responsible for each other. If we survive, we have to stay as a human family and not merely as individuals. This has impelled us to care for the last, the lost, and least in our society. They are mostly the migrants, daily wagers, farmers, and the poor.

As the days progressed, we also realized that God had allowed us to shift our focus from coronavirus to various infectious and deadly viruses that are destroying us and the human community. We had plenty of time for introspection and thus were able to look at life from a different perspective and re-orient our personal, community, and province priorities and therefore be prophetic vaccines to other viruses of our life. Our greatest strength was our ability to understand the situation and its impact quickly and take prompt decisions. We gave necessary directives to confreres regarding various aspects of our life and mission, which enabled us to protect ourselves from harm, reach out to the needy, and plan for the future.

Even though there is an urgency for change in the way we live our lives and do the mission as religious missionaries, it is impossible to bring in drastic changes given the traditions, systems, and structures in place. As such, these systems and networks are not evils that we must throw out overnight. We have seen their many benefits. They have been fostering colossal life and communion building activities for the good of our whole humanity. If we were not part of such structures and systems, it would have been challenging for us to organize and do the good we have done during these unprecedented times of the COVID-19 pandemic. So, we need to appreciate the good that has been done through the structured church and the congregation. However, at the same time, we need to be open to the Spirit. It directs us in the changing world as per the signs of the times.

--- Fr. Richard Mathias, SVD
Provincial Superior-INM

Practicing discernment in the time of the pandemic



Fr. Peter Dusicka SVD, the Generalate Coordinator for Spiritual Animation, began his reflection with Pope Francis' words during the prayer service at St. Peter's Basilica on March 27, 2020.

Addressing God, the Pope said: "It is not the time of your judgment, but of our judgment: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

I found these words an invitation to practice discernment, i.e., to reflect on my life experiences and events and enter into conversation with God. This is meant to discover the signs of God's loving presence against all odds and amid all troubles, and to refocus my life on things that matter to God and people. I want to share with you two experiences, which led me to appreciate once again some forgotten values.

Value of praise. During the mass testing for COVID-19 in October 2020, our Mission House in Bratislava offered it's compound a testing place. Five of our confreres also volunteered to be a part of a testing team. The other volunteers on the team included Daniel, a well-known Baptist pastor. He was assigned to sit at the registration desk together with our confrere Fr. Tomas. After the testing was over, he thanked me for being able to experience up close and personal how "other brothers in Christ" – we, the Divine Word Missionaries – live and work.

Pastor Daniel's experience inspired him to write an article published in a popular newsletter. He shared how amazed he was, not only with the overall positive atmosphere in the team but also with Fr. Tomas's warm and open personality. He met the people approaching the registration desks as they presented their IDs. Tomas smiled and greeted them by their names.

Many of these people coming for testing were annoyed and tired after standing in long queues for two-three hours. This friendly welcome from Tomas changed their attitude. Pastor Daniel was impressed by how acquainted we were with the people of the neighborhood. He sensed that Tomas and the rest of the community established a closed affinity with the people around us.

The article was laden with praises for the SVDs. This was very encouraging for me. Yet, all the more, I ad-

mired the pastor's ability to express thanks and praise. How often do we experience something profoundly touching or encouraging, yet we neglect to thank the person or express our sincere honor. Would it not be a sign of our transformation when we would not let positive signs go unnoticed? Would it not be an expression of renewal when we willingly and without shame, express our sincere thanks and praise more often? Is there somebody that I owe my thanks and gratitude to?

Value of thinking well of people. Before Christmas I stood in a long queue in front of the post office teeming with people. I was there to mail my Christmas greeting cards to some older people. After waiting for some time, it was my turn to enter. At that moment, an older woman appeared. She did not take the last place in the queue, yet came right to where I was standing. She explained that she had something urgent, and she asked if she could go inside before me.

Since there were around six people in the queue behind me, I told the lady to ask the others. She did, but they did not accept their reason. Seeing that the others were unwilling to let her in, I offered the lady my place, and I took the last place in the queue. However, with this swift reaction of mine, a dramatic story was unfolding. After a while, one man behind the column turned to me and apologized for his hesitancy. He asked me to return to my original place. I was reluctant. But to my surprise, all the others joined him in asking me to reclaim my position. Thus I went and was extremely grateful to all of them. Everything happened in a short time. Two minutes ago, I would not have imagined that I was amidst such people of goodwill! What happened was a Christmas miracle for me.

We are used to thinking critically and not trusting people too much to avoid disappointments. Yet, what happened must be preceded by thinking well of people. This builds trust so much needed in this time. It also creates a positive context for our own life. People are better than we think. Would it not be the right time for us to review our prejudices against others?

--- Fr. Peter Dusicka SVD

COVID 19 and the "new normal": overcoming "anomalies"



Fr. Arlindo Pereira Dias SVD, the Provincial Coordinator of JPIC in BRC, knows the pain caused by the loss of loved ones, experiences of depression, feeling of abandonment, and injury. Along with other confreres, he has reached out to the people during this time of the pandemic. According to Fr. Arlindo, "There are many lessons learned from this time of so much suffering."

The year 2020 surprised us with the terrible COVID-19 pandemic that frightened the world. The neglect of life and administrative chaos on the Brazilian government led Brazil to reach 218,918 victims in January 28, 2021. The time of the pandemic has been a long wait. How much anguish, how much pain is caused by the loss of loved ones, experiences of depression, feeling of abandonment, and injury!

At first, fear gripped those who worked with the homeless. Gradually the fear was overcome by the need to be close to the most vulnerable. We had to resize our activities and activate our creativity. The Rede Rua project was supported by the Society of the Divine Word, Servants of the Holy Spirit, Holy Cross, and Holy Family of Bordeaux. They organized their teams in the Santo Amaro and Brás neighborhoods for the emergency period. The interactive media and the street newspaper "O Trecheiro" have become effective bridges of diffusion and solidarity.

We discovered that the virus would reach the weakest first. The 2019 population census, conducted by the city, counted 24,344 homeless people. The municipality houses only 11,693. The other 12,651 live on the streets and sidewalks of the town. The first action was the distribution of 200 tents to protect those sleeping on the streets. They noted the difficulty in acquiring the emergency aid offered by the government. Some agents took to the streets with their cell phones to help people register.

Another enemy to fight was hunger. In the Santo Amaro region, one of the parishes offered to prepare meals. One company provided the other part. Another company provided a car to collect donations and distribute food. Women volunteers from the parishes of St. Paul the Apostle and Our Lady of Fatima volunteered to produce masks. Many food, alcohol, and gel, clothing, and basic food baskets came from various places. Adveniat, in its usual solidarity, approved a project to strengthen local actions.

There are many lessons learned from this time of so much suffering:

1. The pandemic unmasked state hypocrisy and

showed social inequality. It increased in us the feeling of shame for the thousands of people piled up in São Paulo's squares as if they were garbage. We found that sub-housing and subletting hid hundreds of people and families deprived of the minimum conditions of dignity. Our communities need to mature more and more in their responsibility for the impoverished surrounding them and who cry out for a dignified life and a more just and fraternal country. More than ever, the work for justice and peace and the exercise of citizenship are necessary to denounce and confront the unjust system that generates poverty for the great majority of the world's population.

2. The great "epiphany" was the solidarity that took hold of our communities and sectors of civil society. Amid the fear and indifference of sectors of the state, solidarity actions multiplied. Part of the organized sector of society, including companies, became aware of the suffering and sought ways to join the entities closest to the vulnerable. Some alliances made it possible to live this moment with more serenity. The strength of solidarity came from the sense of humanity present in society and the different religious denominations. Groups of women from the periphery, supported by some men, began to prepare meals in their own homes and take them to places where the street population was concentrated. They realized that being immobilized creates frustration. We found that the poor who gather in our parishes' territory are the "alter Christus" crying out for food, shelter, welcome, and love.

3. The pandemic made us understand the meaning of the Eucharist and its consequences for the Christian life. A phrase uttered by Mahatma Gandhi served as a beacon: "to a hungry people, God can only appear in the form of bread." The Eucharist is incomplete or meaningless if we are surrounded by many people suffering from material hunger.

4. The dedication and courage of hundreds of lay and religious exposed to the most diverse risk situations are signs of what is new. The presence of confreres from other countries bore the stamp of universal solidarity. From these attitudes emerges a humanizing force that

is the seed of hope. The experiences of solidarity have strengthened our "weary and trembling knees" (Is 35:3-4). The conviction is growing that every loving hope fertilizes its surroundings with life and hope!

5. There is talk of a "new normal" after the pandemic has been overcome. However, it will be tremendously

old and worn out if there is no widespread commitment to the struggle to overcome poverty and its roots. It will not be new if we do not overcome the profound "abnormalities" resulting from a capitalist system based on injustice and social inequality.

--- Arlindo Pereira Dias, SVD

From Father Superior General: Words of encouragement amid the pandemic



The following are words of encouragement from our Superior General since the outbreak of the pandemic. The following messages are extracts from his circulars and homilies. Along with the Superior General and his Council, may we face with hope and tenacity the challenges and the future that awaits us.

Circular to PRMs

Since the coronavirus outbreak, the Congregation has been confronted by two queries: How are we facing the COVID-19 pandemic, and what challenges does it present to us as Divine Word Missionaries? Our confreres have wasted no time finding ways and means to respond to the extraordinary situation created by COVID-19. (June 20, 2020)

Circular to PRMs

The future is not yet clear. However, this uncertainty should not be a reason for us to be pessimistic and to lose hope. It is the time to be prophetic signs of hope for our confreres and mission partners, for the Church and the world. (September 1, 2020)

Homily on Mission Sunday

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis decided to celebrate this World Mission Sunday more than ever. The pandemic does not stop the Church from being a missionary Church; instead, it bolsters its missionary spirit. In times like these, our missionary commitment is urgently needed. In this time of crisis, when many people feel discouraged, frightened, and confused to talk about God and to witness to his love to the world, here we are saying: "Here am I, Lord, send me." (Mission Sunday 2020)

Christmas Eve Homily

"The people who walked in the darkness." This is the beginning of the prophet Isaiah's text in the first reading in this holy night. This phrase alludes to our situation during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Namely, there is darkness caused by an invisible virus. Since the end of December 2019, this same virus

spread when the first cases were reported in China. The darkness covers our Congregation as well. Almost two hundred confreres in all four zones were or are still infected with the virus; nine of them have lost their lives to the virus.

At the individual level, the darkness is shown to cancel many programs and plans for our work, visits, and studies. We have experienced feelings of despair and confusion about the future. In the darkness, we feel insecure and fearful. However, the prophet Isaiah writes that people "who walked in the darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." This is because the Lord does not leave his people without orientation. The Lord intervenes, giving a light of hope. (December 24, 2020)

Message on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Arnold

In our time, especially during the period of lockdown, we realize that family life becomes essential. But it is also often difficult, notably, how to support one another while facing the uncertainty of jobs or loss of income or dealing with the challenges of children's education or overcoming the pressure of staying confined in the houses or apartments for a long time. Therefore, our attention should turn in a special way to the families. Pope Francis has proclaimed this year as the "Year of Saint Joseph" and the "Year of Amoris Laetitia Family." Looking at Saint Joseph means looking at the family. And looking at the family will make us realize the necessity of accompanying the youth. (January 15, 2021)

AFRAM NEWS

Accra (GHA):

Recognizing the composer and his songs



The composer Bro. Pius and his songs.



Bro. Pius Kwaku Agyemang, SVD, was honored during the 2020 Choral and Composers Festival, held on December 20, 2020, at Alisa Hotel Ridge in Accra. Bro Pius carries a trajectory of over 50 years of selfless dedication and keen liturgical interest. His work has graced the Ghanaian musical horizon and African arena, with treasures of liturgical African music and compositions ranging from hundreds to thousands. The event was dubbed as A Night of Honor and Soul Lifting Choral Music.

Nine Ghanaian composers, including Bro. Pius Agyemang was honored. Among the fifteen choirs which delivered soul-lifting performances, the Catholic Adeyhemma Sacred Choral Group presented patriotic and masterpieces of Bro. Pius. With him conducting the chorus, he showed no slowing down at the top of

his 76 years of age. He showed the public that his heyday's youthful and exuberant vigor and energy have not yet been entirely traded for old age, no way.

Fr. Cypria Kuupol SVD, the Provincial, and other confreres witnessed the occasion. Religious sisters and priests from the Accra Archdiocese and government personalities and various representatives attended the event. The Provincial handed over to Bro. Pius his award of the night. Confreres who couldn't participate physically in the program were cheering up Bro. Pius on various social media platforms (Ghana Choral Music TV and other channels), which broadcasted live the Music Awards program.

Bro. Pius Kwaku Agyemang, SVD, we are exceptionally proud of you. Once again, AYEKOO! (Well-done!)

--- Fr. Valentin Mary-Pio Vignihoudé Lissassi, SVD

Bulawayo (ZIM):

Lay associates DWD

Fr. Kamil Kocan, SVD, the Mission Secretary of ZIM, shares about the lay associates' network "Divine Word Disciples" (DWD). The COVID-19 related complications did not dampen the members' spirit to move on and do things amid the new normal. This is what Fr. Kamil shares:

I visited the St. Bernadette Parish in Bulawayo to promote the DWD, our lay associates' network, and carry out mission awareness activities. I have not managed to visit other parishes of our region this year due to the pandemic. To strengthen the spiritual bond with the DWD, I have started a regular monthly celebration of the Holy Mass with the intention of all the DWD and their prayer requests. The DWD website has been improved and updated.

The DWD Statutes have been simplified. The list of

suggested personal sacrifices has been updated four times this year. Every DWD member has been contacted individually, and the commitment to their sacrifice has been revived. Some members have decided to change their sacrifice due to the new situation in the country. Because of the restrictions, there have been no physical meetings of DWD and no DWD event nationally. However, all the members participated in their virtual sessions via social networks twice a month.

An introductory DWD formation course has been prepared, and all the members have been invited to participate online. The course is a significant rise in the threshold for DWD membership. Currently, there are 74 active members. The Divine Word Disciples did a great job on Mission Sunday in their parishes, including many not administered by SVD. The members did individual evangelizing to those who needed to hear the Good News together with some material or financial help.

Those who could not attend the Mission Sunday Mass celebrated the Mission Sunday in their Small Christian Communities or families. Some prayed the missionary rosary and presented a short video presentation about missions. On social networks, many DWD spread the Pope's message, invited their friends to join the DWD network, or challenged others to do something for the Mission of the Church.

--- Fr. Kamil Kocan, SVD

Mahela (MAD):

A new village church on the edge of the Indian ocean



The blessing was linked with the celebration of weddings and first communion.

Thanks to the SVD Mission Secretariat's efforts in Madagascar, a new Church was built in Mahela. This is a village on the edge of the Indian Ocean and the Pangalanes Canal. During the evangelization of this region, this newly built structure is already the third church. The first one was built in 1994 by Father Jacques Grad, SVD, at the beginning of his ministry on Canal de Pangalanes. The second church was located on the new square right by the ocean in 2004. It should be noted that proximity to the sea causes structures to damage easily and quickly. The two earlier churches were on these paths of destruction.

In 2018, the third church was constructed on the ruins of the second one. On December 13, 2020, the Diocese of Mananjary, Jose Alfredo Caires de Nobrega, blessed the newly built church. The Regional Superior, Father Alex Dhae, SVD, and other SVDs joined the solemn occasion. A crowd of nearly 2000 people came from all corners of the Pangalanes District. The blessing was linked with the celebration of six weddings and the first communion of twenty children.

A benefactor from Poland has offered her entire family legacy to support this sacred project. Father Jacques Grad represented this lady during the occasion. He also oversaw the construction of the church. We hope that the parishioners will fill this spot with God's presence, praise, and glory.

--- SVD Brothers International, Facebook

Province of Togo-Benin (TOG):

Mission Animation in the year 2021

God willing, from January 6-15, 2021, we are planning to have an SVD-WEEK in our various SVD administered parishes. Such activity intends to continue and keep on creating an awareness of our missionary presence. An exciting and sensitive theme has been chosen: Hope. Rekindling the flame of hope in people's hearts is crucial in this trying and difficult moment of our lives.

During various activities, the faithful will be encouraged to contribute to help and sustain the mission work. The resource will be sent to the Generalate to support the more comprehensive mission work of the Congregation. With the upcoming provincial assembly, we will set up various procedures to raise funds locally and support our missionary activities.

--- Fr. Georges Kamale, SVD
Mission Secretary

Kinshasa (CNG):

The profession of Final Vows



Fr. Edward Kwaame Gozo, SVD and Fr. Jacob Sibelo, SVD, professed their final vows.

In the Province of Congo, January 15 is not just a day to celebrate St Arnold's feast. It has become a day when confreres in temporary vows and those admitted to final vows make their professions. This year, two confreres: Fr. Edward Kwaame Gozo, SVD and Fr. Jacob Sibelo, SVD, professed their final vows during a Eucharistic Celebration presided by the Provincial Superior, Fr Alpha Kadjim Mazenga, SVD.

The Mass, which took place at the Philosophy house, was animated by the Students at the Common Formation House (CFC) and the Philosophy students. Also present was Fr. Modeste Osung Munimi, the General Coordinator for communications, Confreres from the district, priests and religious, SVD lay partners, and families and friends of the professed. The Provincial ask Edward and Jacob to be faithful to their vows and be ready to accept where ever the Superior General

may be sending them.

Our Congolese Frater, Komlan Adanlessossi, SVD, also professed his perpetual vows in a related event. The event was held at Santa Teresa Parish in Aristóbulo del Valle. Komlan could not return from his OTP to join his brothers Edward and Jacob for the perpetual profession. He also had his final profession on the Feast of Saint Arnold Janssen.

ASPAC NEWS

Bataraza, Palawan (PHC):

Pilgrimage of Santo Niño in the new normal



The image of Santo Niño was brought in pilgrimage to the chapels.



A novena to Santo Niño.

The Santo Niño de Macadam Parish is located in Rio Tuba, Bataraza, Palawan. Like any parish in the Philippines, big or small, in the city or a rural area, each one follows regulations and restrictions to ensure everyone's safety from the spread of the coronavirus. Fr. Diego Orcino SVD, the parish priest, and regent Fr. Joemari Berme SVD were faced with the question, "How can we celebrate our parochial fiesta amid the pandemic"? Fr. Joemari shares with us how Santo Niño de Macadam Parish celebrated their patronal feast.

The parish priest suggested that instead of having one big celebration in the parish, there will be pilgrimages with Santo Niño to the different chapels covered by the parish. This is a celebration attune to the "new normal" of religious festivals. The image of Santo Niño was then brought in pilgrimage to the chapels. There

is a short talk about the celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines, a novena to Santo Niño, and a Holy Eucharist celebration.

The pilgrimage to the chapels started even before the actual Feast of the Santo Niño on January 17. The different chapels are reached by car, foot, or boat. Fr. Joemari shares that the most challenging place to go was the Maria Hangin Chapel, located on an island. To get there, it takes an hour's drive from the parish, then a fifteen-minute walk to the seaport, and finally a forty-five-minute journey by sea. For those who joined the pilgrimage, it was such a great experience and a blessing. The folks received the statue of Santo Niño with devotion and joy. One can easily perceive the spiritual hunger of the faithful.

--- Fr. Joemari Berne, SVD
Regent

Bhopal (INC):

A bicycle rally to promote awareness of the environment

A Bicycle Rally was organized by the JPIC Ministry Samman on January 12, 2021. It was held on the National Youth Day with the theme "Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building." Thirty youths from various slums of Bhopal participated in the rally. They carried placards with important slogans and messages on environmental conservation and preservation.

The rally was inaugurated by Mr. Dilip Singh Thomas, Director General of Police. The rally started from the Samman office and ended in the same, passing through various vital places in Bhopal city. During the rally, the youths took a pledge to be responsible and conscious citizens towards preserving and conserving the environment.

--- INC Newsletter

Sason (INE):

Ordination to the Diaconate and Final Vows

On Epiphany Sunday, January 3, 2021, Frates Hanson D'Souza, Deepak Wilson D'Souza, Parish Prasan Kujur, and M. Ajeesh Peter Sahai from Divya Jyoti Seminary, Sason, were ordained deacons by Most Rev. Niranjan Scaling, Bishop of Sambalpur Diocese, Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD, the Provincial Superior and other distinguished guests, friends and family members of the candidates.

Before ordaining them to the Deacons' office, Bishop Niranjan Sualsingh addressed the candidates during his homily and appreciated them for cooperating with God's plan and setting apart their life for the mission of God during this challenging time. On the previous day, January 2, 2021, the same Frates made their enduring commitment to the Society of the Divine Word by professing to live for life chastity, poverty, and obedience before Rev. Fr. Petrus Kullu, SVD as the representative of the Superior General and in the presence of the community.

--- INE Newsletter

Mumbai (INM):

Catholic Daily Bible Reading

Amid the pandemic, with all its restrictions and limitations in all spheres of life, many new and spiritually enriching activities were planned and executed meticulously. One such activity intended by the Ministers of the Word (MoW), a trained group of lay faithful, here in the Mumbai Archdiocese, was the Daily Reading of the Bible in sequence. This great initiative was started by a small group of the members of the MoW. They are now the 'Core Group' who dedicate their time and resources to write up a daily synopsis of the day's readings.

The project was started on July 31, 2020, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, and will culminate on July 30, 2021. Every day, specific readings were marked: one from the Old Testament, one or part of a Psalm, one reading (either a full chapter or part of a chapter) from the New Testament, and some Numbers of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). Adding the CCC gives a comprehensive understanding of how the Catechism itself is based very much on God's Word. So, reading it side-by-side can give us a better understanding of the Catechism and how the Magisterium has interpreted the Word of God.

The plan and its execution are carried out by one of the core group members on a daily, regular basis. We also have two priests on the 'Board' as spiritual directors for the group. About five hundred members read the Bible every day, hailing from different parishes of the Mumbai Archdiocese. We also have Zoom meetings to clarify doubts and respond to various queries

that pop up as we continue reading the other books of the Bible.

On the whole, the project is found to be very fruitful and spiritually uplifting for all. There has been a growing awareness of the need to know the Word of God and have a love for the Word of God. All the members feel that they are united as a community of the faithful.

--- Fr. Valerian Pius Fernandes SVD
INM Biblical Coordinator

Quezon City (PHC):

JPIC Summit



On December 1, 2020, the first-ever JPIC Summit was held at the Christ the King Seminary Gym in Quezon City. Resource speakers included Fr. Bert Alejo SJ and Fr. Ben Beltran SVD. The summit was an opportunity for our parishes, seminaries, and schools to present what they are doing in the line of JPIC, together with the PHC-JPIC programs. Lay people were suitably represented, led by the Lay Society of St. Arnold Janssen (LSSAJ) and the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

With the theme "Act as One," the summit identified the SVD JPIC Direction – Education (Indigenous Education, ALS, Catechism, and Lay Formation), Environment, and Empowerment in a dignified, systematic, and holistic way. JPIC point persons were also identified for better team work and coordination, especially at the parish or community level.

--- PHC Notes

San Fernando (PHN):

National Bible Month

During the month of January, the active and enthusiastic members of the SVD Philippines North (PHN) lay partners participate in a zoom meeting every Wednesday at 8:00 PM. It is one way of celebrating and living the National Bible Month. This is also the feast month of Saint Arnold Janssen. The organizers share that they make the Word alive in their homes in the zoom meetings as they reflect on the Divine Word incarnate. They also discuss and share the life and times of Saint Arnold Janssen, tracing his spirituality and his following of Jesus from his parents.

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Vadipatti (INH):**English, Tamil, and Telugu bibles released**

Bible diaries in English and Tamil were released on December 13, 2020, at Vadipatti. This is the third year in succession this initiative has seen the light. Fr. Wilson Sagayaraj Adaikalasamy, SVD, the Province, and the India-subzone Biblical Coordinator, has meticulously planned and brought out these bible versions with the latest features and technology. Congratulations to him and his team of writers and helpers.

Fr. Janakiram Suresh Madhavaram, SVD, had brought out the same in Telugu and was released on December 11, 2020. Congratulations to him and his team of writers. We hope that our parishes in Telangana, Andhra, and Tamilnadu patronize these bibles and popularize them.

--- INH Newsletter

Myanmar Mission (AUS):**Housing Project for the Poorest**

Fr. Tuyen Nguyen is managing the project.

The housing project is all about providing decent homes to the poorest of the poor in the three villages of Sanpya, Talokone, and Packon. These locations come under the township of Hmawbi town where the Divine Word missionaries are residing. The villages come under the jurisdiction of Sacred Heart Parish, Hmawbi. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many have lost their jobs and have returned to the villages. Many families are weathering the devastating effects of the pandemic.

In visiting these families, Fr. Tuyen Thanh Hoang Michael Nguyen, SVD, has seen the most urgent need for all, which is the need to have a good and decent place to live. Their current living condition is houses made out of straws and scraps of aluminum roofing. There is no running water or electricity. The rainy season brings with it various problems – from flooding to

sanitary issues. Without an income, these families are unable to do the necessary repairs. With the worsening situation, the people cannot contribute anything like their counterparts in building the houses.

The SVD is shouldering the expenses both for the materials and the labor. At the beginning of the project proposal, it was hoped that nearly 30 houses could be built. But with the rising costs and the inflation caused by the pandemic, Fr. Tuyen Nguyen, who is managing the project, has settled for 25 houses. So far, three homes have been completed, and ten houses are under construction. Two non-Catholic families were also included in the project – a Buddhist and an Anglican. The Anglican pastor, Miguel, was present during the blessing of the house build for the said Anglican family.

--- Fr. Mariusz Kubista, SVD

Fr. Tuyen Nguyen, SVD

Fr. Devasagayam Savariyappan, SVD

Manila (PHC):**An SVD Appointed Executive Secretary of ECBA**

The Episcopal Commission on the Biblical Apostolate (ECBA), a pastoral commission of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), appointed Fr. Arlo Bernardo Yap, SVD as its new executive secretary. The ECBA's competence and service area is the biblical-pastoral ministry in its four-fold ministries of Animating Biblical-Pastoral Formation, Organizing Bible Celebration, Promoting Bible Translation Coordinating Bible Distribution. Fr. Arlo is also the current coordinator of the biblical apostolate of the PHC. Congratulations.

--- PHC Notes

Kamaranga, Tripura (ING):**SVD Mission Day**

On January 15, the SVD parishes in Agartala Diocese celebrated St. Arnold's feast as SVD Mission Day. Agartala SVD District has been celebrating this feast and the parishioners for three years in a rotation wise. This year the lot fell on St. Raphael Parish, Kamaranga, to coordinate the feast. The main organizer and the parish priest is Fr. Arun Kumar Minj, SVD.

Approximately 450 faithful and 21 religious joined in the festive activities. The day began with the Holy Mass presided over by Fr. Jaibu Mathew and the homily preached by Fr. Ivan D'Silva, the District Superior. In his homily, he spoke about Arnold Janssen's family, his Vocation, his beginning of the Mission House, founding the congregations, and his intention to open the congregations.

After the Eucharistic celebration, the three parish pastoral council secretaries reported the success stories of 2020 and presented group Gospel songs. The host parish staged two beautiful cultural dances and conducted Bible quiz for the three parishes. Fr. Ivan spoke on the importance of forming SVD lay associations or partners in the ING region. The program's last activity was the action plan for the coming years conducted by three parish council secretaries. They asked the congregation, 'How can we make our parishes as a missionary parish?' The feast was concluded with a festive lunch prepared by the leaders of Kamaranga parish.

--- Fr. Ivan D'Silva, SVD

Burui (PNG):

Diocesan Catholic Youth Convention

On January 11, 2021, the Bishop of Wewak, Jozef Roszynski SVD, celebrated a solemn Mass in the Burui Parish and inaugurated the Diocesan Catholic Youth Convention. Many young people came from all over the diocese for the convention. The Bishop wished them the strengthening of their faith and God's blessing for this particular time.

When the delegates arrived from the different deaneries, Burui Parish was painted in three colors: red, yellow, and green. The color red represents the youth from Sepik Deanery, yellow, the youth from Wewak Deanery, and green, the youth from Maprik Deanery. With his convention, the Bishop is harnessing the idealism and energy of the young people. In this convention, the youth had sharing, discussions, games, and entertainment.

A parishioner who was following the event posted the following remarks, What a way to start the New Year 2021. Well done, Wewak Diocese, blessings. Another one posted, God bless the Wewak youth and change their attitudes. Someone said I wish I were there too.

--- Facebook Diocese of Wewak

Ramabahal (INE):

Inauguration and blessing of Legal and Counseling center

Fr. Ashok Kumar Minj SVD, Advocate and in-charge of Migration Ministry and Legal Practices in INE Province, observed International Human Rights day at Upaya, Ramabahal, Rourkela on December 10,

2020. The event was meant to spread awareness among people regarding the importance of human rights.

On this particular occasion Fr. Petrus Kullu SVD, the Provincial Superior, inaugurated the Legal Aid and Counseling Center in four Advocates of Rajgangpur Bar Association, local leaders, CRPs of Rajgangpur Block, leaders of different tribes, and public-spirited people. In his inaugural address, Fr. Petrus appreciated the confreres for the initiative taken at Upaya to reach out to the voiceless and empower them. Fr. Marianayagam M., SVD, the Director of Upaya institution, spoke on the role of Upaya institution and the benefits of legal aid for the people.

--- INE Newsletter

Mingende (PNG):

A missionary with experience



Fr. Cosmas, a missionary with experience.

Fr. Cosmas Kombla, SVD, is the JPIC coordinator of PNG. He currently works in Mingende, belonging to the diocese of Kundiawa. He had been working with the rehabilitation of the drug users in his parish. A former missionary to Paraguay for almost eight years, he now uses his experience in Sta. Fe Parish, Ciudad Del Este, Paraguay as an assistant parish. There, he worked full time with the "indigenous" and the poor people.

He has been working with the four groups in Paraguay: The Paraguayos- people from the city, The Campesinos – people from the village, the Bazileros – the immigrants, or themselves as "brazilguayos" and finally the Indigenous "Indios" – the native people. Armed with experience, confidence, and missionary spirit, Fr. Cosmas spreads the Word to those without hope in the society.

--- Word PNG

Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG):

The construction foreman and the cook



The front view of the chapel

The foreman of construction



The cook

Fr. Bao Nguyen, SVD, a Vietnamese immigrant in the USA and now an SVD missionary for Papua New Guinea, is considered a foreman in construction and a cook. He shares his experiences in both fields: construction and culinary.

The construction foreman

The St. Joseph's Chapel at Krumlang, KarKar Island, under the supervision of Fr. Bao Nguyen, SVD, was under construction and is doing well in progress. The building's construction started last May 25, 2020, and it has been going on for close to eight months now. It was indeed very touching to see that this chapel is almost coming to reality now. With a very spacious and airy interior, a relatively modern design, and the sacristy will have a basement, something new in the Papua New Guinea setting.

As a foreman, Fr. Bao, with a good vision, built a magnificent chapel made of concrete and a sturdy one. It is a labor of love and faith. With the construction going closer to completion, it can be foreseen that the lay faithful of Krumlang will have a perfect place for their liturgical celebrations. Without a contractor, the

church was built by the local faithful themselves. The PIME Congregation funded the chapel.

The cook

Fr. Bao can carry that taste of home anywhere. The Vietnamese have an exquisite culinary taste. Like any other Asian countries, they have their traditional dishes distinct to their culture and heritage. Fr. Bao loves to cook, in between missionary works, and make Vietnamese dishes whenever a suitable opportunity arises.

There was a time when he saw the tasteless winter melon fruit at the main house, and he whipped it up to be a delicious dish. He can make suitable healthy substitutes to classic dishes, like substituting avocado for cream cheese on a cheesecake. He is producing his homemade yogurt. When his parishioners slaughtered a pig for an occasion, he didn't miss a single chance to make Vietnamese sausages by utilizing the pig's intestine as the casing.

--- From the sharing of Fr. Bao Nguyen, SVD
Word PNG

EUROPA NEWS**Mission Focus: Austria**

Fr. Patrick Kofi Kodom, SVD

Fr. Patrick Kofi Kodom, SVD:**"Work with refugees and migrants is our mission"**

Twenty years ago, Fr. Patrick Kofi Kodom, SVD, came to Austria as the first African SVD missionary to be assigned for missionary work in Europe. In those 20 years, Fr. Kodom became a pioneer and trailblazer for pastoral work with refugees and migrants in Austria. At the end of December 2020, he returned to his homeland Ghana.

What it means to be black in Austria

Patrick followed the insertion process into the reality of Austria, including

language studies in Vienna. The warm welcome by the confreres in St. Gabriel cushioned a little the "culture shock." He went through the experience – often painful – of what it means to be black in Austria. He moved around intentionally in civilian clothes. To people, including the police, he was a black man. He noticed that he was always the only one being singled out for checking. In the Austrian police's eyes, as a black African, he was suspected of drug dealing.

During an internship in a steel factory, always incognito, he lost his job after only three days, officially because of his lack of German language skills. However, an inquiry revealed that his shift group did not want to work with a "black man." He changed department and thus was able to continue. When his identity as a religious priest became known, things changed. But, as Patrick Kofi Kodom states in retrospect, he repeatedly experienced that, as an African, he was often accepted only because of his role as a priest, "but not as a human being."

Initiative for the pastoral care of refugees

After two years working as an assistant priest in a parish in Innsbruck, he returned to St. Gabriel to begin his work in pastoral care for refugees. At first, he accompanied new arrivals in the refugee camp in Traiskirchen and helped them with their first orientation.

Soon he established contact with refugees in detention pending deportation. There were church services in the detention center but no personal counseling. Together with a civil association, Patrick Kodom succeeded in convincing the Auxiliary Bishop in charge and the police chief to establish a separate chaplaincy for people in detention pending deportation. On November 1, 2008, Fr. Kodom officially began his work as a chaplain in Vienna's two police detention centers.

His language skills (German, English, French, and the African languages Swahili and Twi) helped him in

his conversations with the detainees. He listened, gave encouragement, established contact with the families, and arranged legal counsel. And he prayed with them. He had the Bible and the Koran with him.

The work took much energy because, as the chaplain, he saw despair and hopelessness, hunger strikes, and suicide attempts. When a successor was found for the activity he had built up, Patrick went to Rome to study pastoral theology to focus on refugee/migrant pastoral care.

Refugee chaplain in Vorarlberg

In 2015, Fr. Kofi returned to Austria, this time to the SVD community in Dornbirn (Vorarlberg). The diocese of Feldkirch appointed him as the first refugee and migrant chaplain in Vorarlberg. Patrick visited refugee shelters, talked to people about their fears and burdens. He paid particular attention to the unaccompanied juvenile refugees. In visits to schools, discussion events, and lectures, he tried to break down prejudices against refugees.



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Passing on experiences

After nearly twenty years of missionary work in Europe, Patrick returns to Ghana. As he moves back to the African continent, ten SVD African confreres are already working in Europe. In Ghana, he will probably be active in the formation of the young confreres. His experiences will help the African SVD who plan to go to Europe as missionaries.

--- Text: Ursula Mauritz

Photos: Franz Helm SVD, Christian Tauchner SVD

Steyl (GER):

Online Chapel in Steyl celebrates ten years

Visitors who come to Steyl seeking the help of St. Arnold usually light a candle and write their prayer request in a book next to St. Arnold's tomb. More than ten years ago, two media specialists and two SVD came up with the idea of creating an online chapel. People from all over the world can light virtual candles and leave prayer requests. The idea was accepted. Several IT specialists set to work. Some SVDs wrote the texts, which were translated into four languages. Exactly ten years ago, on January 1, 2011, the chapel went online.

The online chapel was well received and became a success! To date, 720,000 candles have been lit (about 200 per day), and nearly 23,000 prayers have been entered into the intercession book.

Congratulations!

www.steyler.eu

Tirschenreuth (GER):

GER - St. Peter Tirschenreuth

Four confreres, led by Fr. Yoseph Bugalit Barat, the praeses, Fr. Norberto Klucken, Fr. Klaus Kniffki, and Fr. Helmut Stadermann, make up the SVD community that lives in a section of the former SVD mission house and minor seminary St. Peter in Tirschenreuth. A sizable congregation considers the church of St. Peter as their church, although it is not a parish church.

In their work, the confreres are supported by about one hundred volunteers. They contribute to a joyful life as lectors, communion helpers, altar servers, or in the organization of a "children's church" and family liturgies. A printed bulletin ("St.-Peter-Blatt") and a home page inform the latest news. Celebrations such as the traditional St. Peter's Feast on Trinity Sunday bring joy and promote community spirit. The congregation supports two SVD mission projects, which are incredibly close to the hearts of the people of Tirschenreuth.

The first project is the “Mother of Perpetual Help Center” in Nong Bua Lamphu, Thailand. This is a home for more than 400 orphans and children abandoned by their parents. The second project is the construction of a meeting center in St. Kizito, in Maputo, Mozambique. The SVD administered parish does not have an ideal space for parish activities.

--- Renate Breuer
Steyl Aktuell

Lisbon (POR):

Blessing the pregnant women

On December 19, 2020, in São Pedro's parish do Prior Velho, there was a blessing for pregnant women. The simple but significant ceremony held during the Sunday Eucharist was presided by the parish priest, Fr. Andrzej Fecko, SVD. The Christian community rejoiced in the hope of these new lives and witnessed the beauty of life. Those present were united with the feelings of faith of pregnant mothers in prayer. They asked for the graces of God and Mary for the children to be born. In this same celebration, there was a blessing for the four infants born in the year 2020. The parents presented the infants for the blessing.

--- Contacto POR

Lisbon (POR):

An exhibition of Santo Niño

In preparation for the celebration of the fifth centenary of the arrival of the Christian faith in the Philippines, the Filipino community in Lisbon, with the embassy's help, held an exhibition of Santo Niño at the Museum of San Roque of Santa Casa da Misericórdia in Lisbon.

The exhibition shows the history of how the image of Santo Niño has taken root in Philippine culture and how it embodies the faith of the Filipino people. The opening of this exhibition took place on the third Sunday of January, in the feast of Santo Niño with mass and dances.

--- Contacto POR

Netherlands-Belgium Province (NEB):

Workshop for younger confreres

To give our younger confreres from abroad a helping hand in their pastoral/missionary work in the various parishes, a workshop with them is organized at least once a year. The September 2020 workshop's venue was the former novitiate in Helvoirt, now a center called “Emmaus.” Fifteen younger confreres took part, together with coordinator Mr. Jaap van der Meij and Fr. Hubert Wooning, SVD.

The theme of this two and a half-day workshop was: “Balance between missionary parish chaplaincy, con-



nection with the local church and the characteristic SVD dimensions.” In short: “How to balance pastoral and missionary work.” An issue that comes up regularly during district meetings.

The workshop-theme was prepared by Mr. Jaap van der Meij, a retired theologian of the Amsterdam south-east parish. The SVDs have been working for the last seven years.

The coordinator adopted the XIII General Chapter's working method with the following questions: 1) What is our contextual reality? 2) How do you see God's working Love in this? 3) What does God want from us in this reality, and how do we connect with it? 4) The necessity of personal renewal and transformation in this process. With the same groups of five, the participants exchanged views regarding their situation, call for renewal, and pastoral ministry experiences, among others.

In the plenaries, differences of opinion were expressed on how to celebrate Liturgy. Our younger confreres encounter older volunteers who do a very creditable job in the parish in their daily pastoral work. But are quite attached to their ideas of what the church should look like. The coordinator indicated ways of understanding these people and working with them.

The whole meeting was organized and led by the younger confreres. Fr. Hubert Wooning was the only senior among the participants. A few years ago it took some effort to have younger confreres take part in these meetings. Now, this is no longer an issue. The younger confreres look forward to meeting each other. This is often not possible due to the daily workload.

Fr. Wooning concludes that the younger generation can now manage on their own. The ideal set for the NEB Province during the past 15 years has been realized. Now we can rely on a new young independent SVD community in the Netherlands that can meet our time's missionary challenges.

--- Fr. Hubert Wooning, SVD

Vicenza (ITA):

The humanitarian corridor project of Caritas Vicenza



Fr. Reynaldo with the refugees/migrants.



Fr. Reynaldo Roman SVD, a confrere from Mexico, works with Caritas in Vicenza. His work in the field led him to meet people starting a new life and adventure in Italy. He supported these migrants inserted into a humanitarian corridor. He shares his experience.

Caritas-Vicenza

The humanitarian corridor project in Caritas Vicenza comprises volunteers and operators. They receive and support the migrants and refugees during their transition period. They listen to their stories and help them learn the language and integrate it into daily life.

Caritas Vicenza offers accommodation, legal and educational assistance. It tries to help each person (beneficiary) to “feel at home” here in Italy. The fundamental principle of Caritas is to respect the dignity of people who seek help for various reasons and circumstances. Caritas volunteers and operators guide the beneficiaries to value and respect people’s dignity about religion, customs, and different cultural traditions.

The difficulty of integration

Fr. Reynaldo personally noticed that the refugees/migrants soon perceived that living in Italy is different from their traditional way of life. For them, it is challenging to assimilate two different cultures. They appreciate the availability of the Italian education and health system. But there is also a specific resistance towards social integration.

Women from other countries with relatively rigid social traditions have become more autonomous. They become independent in managing their day, like bringing their children to school, going shopping, and finding a job. This routine is a new lifestyle. They now feel more independent from their husbands. They are not only around to serve them and have children. The women are now discovering that they can plan their time more independently and work in jobs considered exclusive to men.

Being a migrant/refugee

For the migrants/refugees, belonging to the group is of particular importance. They have a platform where they can safely share their frustrations, dreams, and successes. They often express nostalgia for communal living and sharing during the refugee camps in Africa. Now they live in families and different places. They find it challenging to settle in single apartments and condominiums with people who are not close friends. Moreover, the period of COVID-19 contributed to creating even more isolation.

The legal status

The legal status process for the migrants/refugees is long. A temporary permit has little legal value to find a job and to move later to another country. The migrants sometimes think that Caritas does not want to speed up the legal process to acquire recognition as a refugee. Caritas informs the beneficiaries that institutional procedures must be followed to gain legal status and independence. The beneficiaries are aware that it takes a long time to reach a state of freedom.

Being part of this project

Having been part of this project for eight months, Fr. Reynaldo sees that the refugees’ process to become independent and autonomous and integrated into the Italian society takes more time.

Each person must be evaluated based on his personal history. The volunteers need more time to discover who among them may one day benefit the broader society.

Fr. Reynaldo says, “I can say that Caritas is learning more and more the world of the migrants/refugees. It exercises patience in listening and helping them to realize their dreams.”

--- Fr. Reynaldo Roman, SVD

Rome (ITA):**Celebrating the Feast of Saint Arnold Janssen**

The parish community of St. Benedict of Nursia in Rome had an excellent opportunity to celebrate Saint Arnold Janssen's feast. It was an occasion to present Saint Arnold to the community. Before the actual feast, there was a triduum with confreres celebrating the Holy Eucharist. The first day was focused on the Founder's life and work, the second day on the Founder's spirituality. The third day dealt with the Prologue of

St. John in the life of St. Arnold Janssen.

The parishioners, getting used to two SVD priests' service, are getting more knowledge about our congregation. Fr. Vivian Furtado SVD, the parish priest, and Fr. Juraj Cibula SVD are optimistic that the parish will turn out to be more missionary in character as time passes.

--- Fr. Vivian Furtado, SVD

PANAM NEWS**Techny (USC):****Brother Tiberius: the Techny Candlemaker**

Though he was initially trained to work at the printing press, Brother Tiberius became well-known for his candle-making. Born Wilhelm Beckers in Bickenbach, Germany, on July 28, 1887, he joined the Society of the Divine Word at Steyl on April 24, 1903. He professed his perpetual vows in Steyl on April 13, 1913. He was transferred to Techny on March 8, 1923, to work at the Mission Press.

After over 20 years in the print shop, he was assigned as the head sacristan at Techny in 1945.

Brother Tiberius began teaching himself candle-making during World War II. During that time wax made candles were expensive to purchase. He recycled candle stubs he received from parishes or through advertisements in the magazines *The Christian Family* and *The Little Missionary*. He developed his process of making candles with these donations.

Brother Tiberius began by heating the wax in a steam-jacketed kettle and straining the hot wax through a cheesecloth to remove impurities. For years, he would use the standard string in place of wicks until

candle companies allowed him to purchase wicks without purchasing wax. Once he had enough purified wax to create candles, he either used a dipping method or poured the hot wax into molds. He also devised a process to develop dripless candles for processions.



Brother Tiberius: the Techny Candlemaker

His primary duty was as head sacristan, so candle-making was something Brother Tiberius pursued in his free time. As he said in an interview with Divine Word News Service, "Sometimes things get a little hectic. I may have melted wax ready to pour into molds, and something needs to be done in the sacristy. In that event, I really have to move fast, take care of the necessary things in the sacristy and rush back to my candles."

By 1961, it is estimated that Brother Tiberius had made four tons of candles from candle stubs. This saved the Techny community \$2,000 a year (over \$17,000 in today's currency) on sanctuary lamps alone. He retired at 84 in 1972 and was transferred to Germany on May 5, 1972. He died on April 22, 1978, in Steyl at the age of 90.

--- USC Archivists

Province of Argentina-South (ARS):**Ongoing Formation Days**

The Province of ARS started 2021 with the Days of Permanent Formation 2021, with the motto "Human promotion from our commitment of faith." The complementary conferences took place on January 26 and 28, from 7:00 pm. The first conference was oriented to have a diagnostic vision of reality. The conference on the second day was aimed to discover some criteria of socio-pastoral intervention. Given the social and health restrictions that exist, the meeting was held in a virtual format. The participants included SVD

members of the ARS Province with their referrals.

Daniel García Delgado - Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), Master's in Political Science from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), and Bachelor's in Sociology from the Universidad del Salvador featured his dissertation. He responded to the permanent formation's objectives: To reflect on social issues and their fundamental link with our pastoral work and To discern criteria for pastoral action that will contribute to a more significant transformative impact on our environment.

--- ARS/ARE Website

Cerro Navia, Santiago (CHI):**Carrying out community services**

Podiatrists carried out foot interventions.

On January 15, 2021, a group of students from the Centro de Formación Padre Paul Becker (Fr. Paul Becker Training Center) carried out interventions for the Seniors Club of Cerro Navia. Podiatrists carried out the social action with the proper sanitary measures. It was planned and organized within the community service plan that the Training Center for Social Development organizes as part of its mission.

The Formation Center for Social Development was founded in 1998 by Father Paul Becker Siepmann SVD. It is a non-profit organization with more than twenty-two years of social service offering courses and workshops to train men and women in employability skills. During the years since its foundation, about 2,000 people have passed through the Center. They got out of the portals of the training center with working tools received in the various courses.

--- Centro de Formación Padre Pablo Becker

Columbus, Ohio (USA):**An SVD's reflection on Dr. Martin Luther King**

Father Charles Smith, SVD, of Chicago, was the featured speaker at Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration on January 20, 2021 "Dr. King knew that no matter what people said about him or did to him, he could not be discredited with his heavenly Father," Father Smith said.

"If he were speaking to us today, he would tell us that we live in a culture committed to hedonism, to materialism and to sensationalism, committed to appealing more to what's on the outside of the individual than what's on the inside of the individual; that we have placed personal ambition over biblical conviction. . . today, a nation that forgets God is a nation destined to fall. Dr. King's dream was a dream given by God, and I believe there's still room in our lives for that vision, that dream, to be made real."

Fr. Charles Smith SVD is director of the Bowman Francis Ministry. This ministry provides religious education and evangelization to the African American

Catholic community. He is also co-founder and director of Ambassadors of the Word Ministries.

--- *The Catholic Times*

Caacupé (PAR):**Let the children come to me**

December 8, 2020, was a wonderful day in Paraguay because the Paraguayans celebrated the patron saint's feast, Our Lady of Miracles of Caacupé. It was also a day of joy for the children of San Miguel, belonging to the parish of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus – Bahia Negro of Chaco, Paraguay. The Divine Word missionaries have been carrying out their mission for four years.

The children waited for their parents' blessing. In the meantime, the rest of the community also extended their blessing for the children. From this gesture comes a message: presence, service, and commitment to the little ones. The children's blessing is an experience of faith. And we learn from Jesus. In his missionary journey, Jesus made a fundamental choice that became a crucial moment in his missionary program. He pointed out, leave the children and not stop them from coming to me, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

--- *Contacto POR*

USA-Western Province (USW):**The work of human hands and God's grace**

Fr. Duy John Tran SVD, the Riverside Retreat Center director, shares about the renewal of the Riverside Retreat Center. This renovation journey and the arduous work that went with it was the work of human hands and God's grace. This is his story.



Bishop Thomas Thai Thanh Nguyen with Father Provincial Kirby.

The sixty-year-old former "Marygrove Seminary" that now houses our Riverside Retreat Center went through a full month's renovation work. There is a new air-conditioning system for the entire building. The dormitories are now real places of rest. The multi-purpose conference room is renovated with new ceilings, indirect LED lighting, and newly tiled floors. The worn out and aging bathrooms and showers are now



The main building of the Retreat Center.

equipped with newly tiled granite surfaces and stalls.

The adoration room with its new ceiling and flooring is now very conducive to personal reflection. The new statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel now offer an uplifting space for reflection, spiritual growth, and renewal. This place of worship will bring deep spiritual nourishment to our multi-cultural and multi-lingual Cursillos and Confirmation retreats in English, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

The mission to transform this worn-out Center was made possible by the contributions of two contractors

and a coterie of skilled artisans. Our youthful and active SVD community members were also involved in any way that could be useful. They were Fr. Duy John Tran SVD, the Retreat Center director, Fr. Anthony Long Van Nguyen SVD, the handyman and organizer, and Fr. Pavol Sochulak SVD.

On December 5, 2020, the renovated Retreat Center was inaugurated with a 3:00 PM Mass presided by the Vietnamese auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, Thomas Thai Thanh Nguyen. At the end of the Mass, Fr. John Patrick Kirby SVD, USW Provincial, gave the vote of thanks. He handed out plaques to the two contractors whose efforts had made the renovation possible. The Mass was followed by a warm and friendly reception that included a tour of the new facilities and a Vietnamese dinner in the main hall.

The gathering, the Mass, the reception, tour, and dinner were the culmination of eight straight weekends of a combined effort to renew the aging Retreat Center and its facilities. We were there to christen what looked in every way to be a sparkling new edifice, a work of human hands and God's grace.

--- Taken from the article of Fr. Duy John Tran SVD

OUR DEPARTED

SVD

Name	Province	+ Date-Death	Age	Vows	Year of Orders
Fr. Sessolo, Pietro	ITA	19.12.2020	91	72	65
Fr. Bollen, Heinrich	IDJ	22.12.2020	91	67	62
Fr. Danelon, Mario	ARS	02.01.2021	93	73	66
Fr. Teixeira, Joaquim Carvalho	POR	02.01.2021	81	58	52
Fr. Eilers, Franz-Josef	PHC	13.01.2021	89	66	62
Fr. Hirth, Vilmos	HUN	18.01.2021	89	71	61
Bro. Nguyen, Ty Martin	VIE	23.01.2021	76	56	**
Fr. Heskamp, Charles	USC	28.01.2021	94	71	63

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Sister: Rel. Name and Family Name	Prov/Reg	Date-Death	Age	Yrs. in Vows
Sr. Verónica Rosenbach	ARS	12.12.2020	87	66
Sr. Redempta, Tamiyo Satsuka	JAP	23.12.2020	92	64
Sr. Odila Massalai	BRS	23.12.2020	88	64
Sr. Marie Rose, Corazón Goy	ARS	25.12.2020	81	54
Sr. Ilena Maria, Sicily Orbeta	PHN	05.01.2021	80	51
Sr. Emilie Maria, Anna Bengan Tokan T.	FLE	06.01.2021	72	50
Sr. Francetta, Elizabeth Frances Kunkel	USA	06.01.2021	94	74
Sr. Lucena Schäfer	BRS	09.01.2021	72	47
Sr. Isméria, Dionisia Honório da Silva	BRS	11.01.2021	95	73
Sr. Maria Ignatia, Florensia Lese Bau	TIM	15.01.2021	72	51
Sr. Belinda Delos Reyes	MOZ	16.01.2021	58	27
Sr. Marialfonse, Theresia Baumüller	GER	16.01.2021	87	64
Sr. Lenita, Maria Romanini	BRS	19.01.2021	93	62
Sr. Florida, Ernestin da Silva	FLE	23.01.2021	85	62

OBITUARIES

Fr. Vilmos Hirth (HUN)
18-01-2021; 32-48-50-59-60


Vilmos Hirth was born on December 12, 1932, in Magocs, Hungary. He entered the seminary in Budateteny on August 7, 1947. He began his novitiate in Koszeg on September 8, 1948. He professed his first vows in Budateteny on August 15, 1950. While he was in the mission house in Koszeg, his family and all his relatives were evicted to East Germany. Two years later, due to the communist regime, he lost his home. The mission house also closed down. However, he continued his studies at the Pannonhalma Benedictine high school, which had been returned from the state. After the completion of his high school studies, he served in the military camp for two years. After the military service, he continued his priestly studies in Eger diocesan Seminary.

In December 1956, he joined his Austrian confreres in Saint Gabriel Mission house, Mödling. The following year, he met again with his mother, whom he had not seen for nine long years, after her eviction from the country. By then, his mother had forgotten the Hungarian language. He pronounced his perpetual vows in St. Gabriel, Austria, on September 8, 1959. He was ordained a priest together with Imre Szabó and Imre Zsoldos in St. Gabriel on May 26, 1960.

He then worked in Munich for two years as a chaplain. He was able to embark on the long-awaited mission to Paraguay, where he served for thirty years. He first went to Encarnación as a chaplain and studied Spanish. He was a secretary under Bishop Johannes Wiesen, SVD of the Prelature of Encarnación. Later, he was appointed Vicar of the prelature. During these times, he restored and developed the parish. He also built a school. He also raised three orphaned girls who were left at the door of his residence. When Bishop Wiesen retired, he was reappointed as Vicar with Bishop Juan Bockwinckel, SVD, who expressed satisfaction for Fr. Vilmos' work.

Towards the 1980s and 1990s, the idea arose that Fr. Hirth would be made a bishop. But the political climate changed in Eastern Europe. This paved the way for him to return to his home country and evangelize his people. Fr. Vilmos and Fr. Gaál Jenő, the two Hungarian Divine Word Missionaries to Paraguay, at the age of sixty, took up the challenge of the re-evangelization and the rebuilding of the SVD province in Hungary.

Fr. Vilmos arrived in 1992 and took over the province's administration from Fr. András Becherer and run it for twelve years. He reclaimed society's properties, restored the mission house in Koszeg, built the Mission House in Budapest, and adjoined St. Arnold's retreat house. Along with Fr. Jenő, they launched the Cursillo

movement, a new form of evangelization. They provided residential spiritual exercises for priests and lay-people, as well as space for various Catholic meetings.

In the early morning of January 18, 2021, Fr. Hirth Vilmos, SVD, passed away at the nursing home for priests in Szombathely, Hungary. Last May 26, 2020, he celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Fr. Franz-Josef Eilers (PHC)
13-01-2021; 32-53-55-59-59


Franz-Josef Eilers was born on May 11, 1932, in Emsdetten, Germany. He entered the seminary in Bad Driburg on December 31, 1945. He began his novitiate in St. Augustin on May 1, 1953. Two years later, he professed his first vows in St. Augustin on May 1, 1955. He pronounced his perpetual vows in St. Augustin on May 1, 1959. On December 8, 1959, he was ordained a priest in St. Augustin.

He was first assigned to Germany (GEL). His first assignment was in the SVD Mission Seminary in Steyl, the Netherlands, where he was the Assistant Prefect from 1960 to 1961. Then he went for further studies in Muenster, where he obtained a licentiate degree in Missiology in 1964. Then he went to Papua New Guinea for fieldwork and research in preparation for his doctorate. In 1967 he earned his Doctorate in Missiology with his dissertation on Communications of non-literate cultures in North-east New Guinea.

From 1967 to 1971, Fr. Eilers was at the Generalate in Rome, where he served as Secretary for Communications. Simultaneously, he was very much involved in Communications and Media, establishing an academic quarterly in Mainz, Germany entitled "Communicatio Socialis," which still exists today. He was also a co-founder of the Catholic Media Council in Aachen, Germany. He was involved in the World Council of Churches in Geneva, where he served as Communications Secretary. He also served in the Vatican as a Consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.

In Rome, he taught at the Gregorian University and the Salesian University. In 1985 he was assigned to the Philippines and joined the faculty at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay. He taught Social Communications and Missiology. In 1995 he was appointed as the Executive Secretary for the Office of Social Communications by the Federation of the Asian Bishops' Conference (FABC-OSC). In 2003, he moved residence to Catholic Trade Manila. He accepted teaching positions at the University of Santo Tomas, where he became the Program Coordinator of the Masters in Theology major in Social/Pastoral Communications. He taught Social Communications at the Maryhill School of Theol-

ogy of the CICM and the Don Bosco Center of Studies.

In 2009, Fr. Eilers was a Board Member and Program Director of the Saint Joseph Freinademetz Communications Center located at the Radio Veritas Asia compound in Quezon City. He was also an Adjunct Professor at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna. In 2010, while still based in Manila, he accepted the post of Executive Director of the Asian Research Center for Religion and Social Communications at Saint John's University in Bangkok, Thailand.

He received the 2018 AMIC Award for "Transformative Leadership" at the 26th Annual Conference of the Asian Media, Information and Communication Center (AMIC) on June 8, 2018, at Manipal's Academy of Higher Education Karnataka, India. On November 27, 2018, he was awarded the Titus Brandsma Leadership in Social Communication Award at the Carmelites' Titus Brandsma Media Center in Quezon City.

Fr. Eilers was also a favorite Spiritual Director of priests and seminarians, SVDs, and non-SVDs. The Franciscan Conventuals in Manila also had him as their confessor. All this time, he wrote several books on Social Communications, Interculturality, and Missions. Looking at all his accomplishments and activities, one can only marvel at how he managed to juggle all these various activities. At the Provincialate Community in Catholic Trade Manila, he was considered a pillar of the community's spiritual life, presenting an exemplar of prayer life and meditation.

Going well into his late eighties, his end came rather unexpectedly. As he experienced difficulty walking and complained of some pains, he was brought to the nearby hospital of the University of Santo Tomas. On January 13, at 2:41 in the afternoon, he suffered a heart attack and did not respond to efforts to revive him. He would have turned 89 in May 2021. Requiescat in pace.

Fr. Joaquim Carvalho Teixeira
02-01-2021; 40-61-63-68-69



Joaquim Carvalho Teixeira was born on February 27, 1940, in Ribas, belonging to Braga's diocese in Portugal. He came from a family that was used to work and prayer. He joined the seminary in Guimarães on December 6, 1954. He began his novitiate in Fatima on September 8, 1961. On October 3, 1963, he professed his first vows in Fatima. He went to St. Augustin in Germany for his studies in theology. There he pronounced his perpetual vows on May 1, 1968. He was ordained a priest in Fatima on June 7, 1969. His first mission appointment was POR.

He was assigned to the seminary in Guimarães to help in the formation of about 150 seminarians. Very soon, the Superiors became aware of his practical sense of life. The Rector associated him with work on

the farm and in the economy. The house had an economic structure similar to that of our homes. It had a beautiful vineyard, a stable for about 12 cows, and a henhouse with 5,000 laying hens. Behind all this activity was Fr. Teixeira, who was tireless and always in a good mood. After two terms as Provincial, between 1977 and 1983, his life will be all about the conscientious administration of the temporal goods of the SVD. At 37, he was the youngest Provincial at the General Chapter of 1977.

After his term as Provincial, he was appointed the Provincial Treasurer. At 43 years old and full of ideas, he responded to the challenge of the Generalate that the Provinces become financially autonomous. With the excellent collaboration of his predecessor, Fr. Teixeira led the Province to become self-sufficient by the end of the '90s. To achieve this goal, the Paramentaria Verbo Divino was born, the present "Steyler Fatima Hotel," with excellent conditions to house the pilgrims. Fr. Teixeira was the Provincial Treasurer until 2007, that is, for almost 25 years.

In the last years of his life, he had some health problems. He was waiting for a second surgical intervention in the heart. He was always active, and his love for the land accompanied him in his death. A week before Christmas, when he was pruning some vines from which the community had grown its wine, he fell and was taken to hospital to readjust his right arm. When he returned home, his community tried to do their best to cheer him up. Fifteen days after this fall, on January 2, he gave his life into the hands of the Father. Fr. Teixeira's passing is a significant loss for the Province of POR. He was not only a great man but also a competent servant of the various missions entrusted to him.

Fr. Mario Danelon (ARS)
02-01-2021; 28-46-48-54-55



Mario Danelon was born on December 8, 1928, in S. Vito al Tagliamento, Friuli-Venezia region, Italy. His parents, Lorenzo Danelon and Virginia Deotto, were simple, hardworking, and believing people. With their three children, this family lived through challenging times and significant social changes throughout Europe. It was a time of migratory waves of Italians towards the American continent.

He entered the seminary in Varone on September 20, 1940. He began his novitiate in Rome on September 8, 1946. Two years later, he professed his first vows in Rome. He went to St. Gabriel, Austria, for his theological studies. There, he professed his perpetual vows on September 8, 1954. He was ordained a priest in St. Gabriel on September 24, 1955. His first mission assignment was the then Argentina North Province (ARN).

His arrival in Argentina dates back to December 6, 1956. He began his pastoral work as a vicar in Puerto Rico, Misiones, in 1957. He taught at the Seminary of Corrientes and at the San José de Esperanza School from 1958 to 1961. From 1961 to 2008, he assumed pastoral services in Córdoba, Palpalá (Jujuy), Las Cuevas (Entre Ríos), Bandera (Stgo. del Estero), Crespo (E. Ríos), Villa Minetti (Santa Fe), Parroquias San Pedro (Córdoba) and Valle María (E. Ríos). He lived a short stay in Esperanza in 1999 for health reasons and medical treatment.

While feeling vigorous and active, he was moved to Hogar San Javier de Rafael Calzada on January 11, 2016, for better medical monitoring. Fr. Mario always stood out for his rigid theological and spiritual formation, with his reading of history's events and with a deep Marian devotion. Despite his difficulties in assuming the epochal changes, such as the Second Vatican Council and the new generations' new socio-cultural tendencies, he was a religious who stood out for his missionary zeal and his apostolic obedience.

Mario was an accessible and close confrere, yet sometimes withdrawn in his reflections that even provoked concern and mood change. He was a person who wanted to transmit his message, however it was not easy to establish a dialogue on specific topics of conversation. Surprisingly active in the modern means of communication, he was a restless personality who kept himself informed on the subjects of his interest. Those who have had conversations with him will surely remember him for the conviction with which he shared stories and accounts, biblical and theological interpretations, and his reflections on the Church and the future of history.

The fragility of his coronary system did not prevent him from celebrating his 92 years with us. In the last few weeks, his physical strength and state of consciousness weakened considerably. A marked neurological deterioration prevented him from connecting with reality. His extended family maintained close communication and accompanied him at a distance in this final stretch of his life.

On January 2, 2021, Fr. Mario Danelon returned to his Creator. He was buried in the SVD cemetery of Rafael Calzada after a religious service. Fr. Mario, you have reached the eternal embrace with Mary Most Holy. Rest in peace.

Fr. Heinrich Bollen (IDJ)

22-12-2020; 29-51-53-57-58



Heinrich Bollen was born on July 2, 1929, in Landstuhl, Germany. He entered the seminary in St. Wendel on January 11, 1947. He began his novitiate in St. Augustin on September 8, 1951. He professed his first vows on May 1, 1953, in St. Augustin. He pronounced

his perpetual vows in St. Augustin on September 8, 1957. He was ordained a priest in St. Augustin on May 15, 1958. Fr. Bollen's first mission assignment was the then Region of Flores in Indonesia.

He arrived in Jakarta on August 15, 1959, and spent three months learning the local language. On Flores, he set to work. Very quickly, the island became his second home. In 1960-1962, he worked as a parish priest and religion teacher in the parish of St. Joseph, Maumere. In his early years as a parish priest in Watublapi (1962-1974), its political turmoil (1965-1966) occurred. As the coordinator for social action (1967-1974), first of the SVD province and later of the Archdiocese of Ende, he was exposed and it turned dangerous for him.

At the end of the sixties, a period of great development projects began. SVD missionaries - including Fr. Heinrich - made a significant contribution to Flores and Timor's islands' development. There were projects in agriculture and fishing, handicrafts and small industry, housing and drinking water supply, health care and social work, school and extracurricular education. He built polyclinics, trained farmers, and created drinking water reservoirs.

As a pastor in the Sikka region, Fr. Heinrich wanted to give concrete answers to the people's economic and daily concerns. He went himself from field to field to teach cocoa cultivation and provide instructions for the harvested fruits' treatment to meet the traders' demands in Surabaya. Also, in his parish of Watublapi, he went from house to house, asking people to dig foundations for water basins. When the people saw how these water tanks became water sources, they were enthusiastic about the work and joined together to build new ones.

When a famine struck the parish of Wolofeo in 1978, Fr. Bollen called for solidarity. As a social delegate of the Archdiocese of Ende, he urged the local government, which initially wanted to relocate all the people, to make the land more productive by creating terraces and planting the edges (Leucaena) to prevent erosion. The Wolfe example has set a precedent. Other slopes threatened by erosion were also terraced and planted. From 1986-1993 he was pastor of the German-speaking community in Jakarta. After that, he was a tourist pastor for eastern Indonesia and a facilitator for the Yaspem Social Foundation. In 2000 he organized agricultural training courses for young refugee families.

For over half a century, Heinrich truly lived as "a person for others" who, in his way, accomplished many beneficial things for the people of Flores. He had great self-confidence; he was convinced that his routine was the right way. From the start, he focused his attention on community building, firmly believing that he knew what needed to be done. Thus, Heinrich is rightly widely known for his outstanding comprehensive development work. He died in Maumere, Indonesia, on December 22, 2020.

Fr. Pietro Sessolo (ITA)
19-12-2020; 29-46-48-54-55



Pietro Sessolo was born on September 12, 1929, in Vazzola, Italy, in the industrious area of the province of Treviso (TV). He grew up in a large and profoundly Catholic family, from which came two Priests and two Sisters. During the war, 1940, he entered the seminary in Varone on September 25, 1940. He began his novitiate in Rome on September 8, 1946. He professed his first vows on September 8, 1948, in Rome. He went to St. Gabriel, Austria, for his theological studies. There, he declared his vows perpetually on September 8, 1954. He was ordained a priest in St. Gabriel on September 24, 1955.

After his ordination in 1955, his first mission was to serve as a formator and teacher in Spain. This was followed by four years as a missionary animator in Italy. Then from 1964 to 1976, he served at the Apostolic Nunciature in Germany. He remained a member of the Divine Word community of St. Augustin and also taking care of his compatriots living in the vicinity of Bonn.

After moving to Rome, he completed the theological updating that started in Germany. He was then active for years in the international organization "Aid to the Church in Need." He later became Secretary-General of the Urbaniana Pontifical University. This was followed by six years in which he served as Rector of Collegio del Verbo Divino in Rome.

In 1993, he was transferred to Varone, where he began his pastoral service as pastor and collaborator in various parishes in the diocese of Trent. His service and commitment was very assiduous and appreciated everywhere. They were also years of closeness to the people and constant active presence in favor of the various communities, which still remember him with great gratitude.

Around 2015 he was relieved from external commitments and shared the religious life in the SVD community of Varone. There, every morning, faithfully and in any weather, he made his walks and hikes, friendly with all those he met on the way. He celebrated his 91 years surrounded by about fifty relatives and friends.

He was recently struck by the coronavirus that quickly weakened him. The rocky and constant walker had to give up to "go to the paths of paradise" to continue his walks. He returned to his Creator in the hospital in Arco, Italy, on December 19, 2020. We will remember him for his life of study, research, pastoral service, and great humanity as a faithful confrere and missionary.

Fr. Juan Frank (ARS)
13-12-2020; 27-46-48-54-55



In the morning hours of December 13, 2020, Fr. Juan Frank passed away. As it had been his dream, he spent his last stage of life in his own paternal home, which had been converted into a Home for the Elderly and Geriatric for some years.

Juan Frank was born on August 12, 1927, in Valle María, province of Entre Ríos. His parents, Enrique Frank and María Gassmann belonged to the Germans who came from the Volga and who, upon arrival to these lands, became one of the pioneer families of the area. From them, Juan received a solid formation in human and religious values.

Father Juan studied all his religious missionary formation at the Apostolic College of Rafael Calzada. He entered the novitiate on March 1, 1946, after some years of propaedeutic studies in the same house of formation. He professed his first vows on March 1, 1948, and his perpetual profession was on March 1, 1954. The following year, on January 9, 1955, he was ordained priest at Rafael Calzada.

His first missionary assignment was to Spain, where he served as Prefect in Estella and Coreses from June 29, 1955, until 1968. In March 1969, he returned to Argentina and became Prefect at the seminary in Corrientes and then a professor at the seminary in Esperanza until 1973. His many pastoral services were circumscribed in what today is for us, the Santa Fe-Entre Rios District. From March 1974 until 2017, he assumed various pastoral responsibilities in San Jerónimo Norte (Santa Fe), in Seguí, María Luisa, and Crespo (Entre Ríos). In 1977 he returned to his hometown as a parish priest, and in 2005 he returned to Crespo until 2017.

In 2017 he joined the care home for the elderly in Valle María, a building erected on the grounds of his father's house. He accompanied throughout the building process from the foundations. Fr. Juan was a tremendously restless, energetic, and hard-working person. Even amid this pandemic, he asked to visit homes and reach out to the sick with the sacrament of anointing. Until his last hours, he abided by the house's restrictions but did not understand why he, as a chaplain, should be there as just another boarding school. His last request was to be transferred to a parish for pastoral service.

What many of us will remember about Juan will be his childhood memories and his memories of Spain. In every dialogue with him, both themes were present, as if wanting to savor and enjoy his early life stories and his first years of mission. We thank God for the gift of life and vocation of Fr. Juan, and we pray for his eternal rest.

Fr. Silverio Maurutto (CNG)
10-12-2020; 31-48-50-56-58



Silverio Maurutto was born on June 20, 1931, in S. Giorgio al Tagliamento (Veneto), Italy. He entered the seminary in Varone on August 28, 1942. He joined the novitiate program in Rome on October 3, 1948. He professed his first vows in Rome on September 8, 1950. He did his theological studies in St. Gabriel. There, he professed his final vows on September 8, 1956. He was ordained a priest in St. Gabriel on May 15, 1958. His first mission assignment was Congo (CNG).

He was considered the patriarch of the Divine Word missionaries in Congo since he arrived there in 1959. In more than 60 years spent in that mission, Fr. Maurutto had held various positions in both teachings and pastoral life. His knowledge of multiple languages had seen him as a sought-after author and translator of numerous pastoral books.

Despite his great linguistic competence, he maintained a humble and straightforward nature. He took great interest in the welfare of the poor around him. He had made a name for himself as a builder of various bridges to facilitate crossing the many rivers of the Congo. In this regard, in 1986, he had also received a high honor - the Order of the Leopard - by the President of the Republic of Congo.

Fr. Maurutto was also a famous sportsman. He practiced cycling and volleyball and surrounded himself with young sports lovers. He had a great love for the Latin language, which he knew well. He also taught several young Congolese in his late old age. He came from a large family that always supported him financially. He kept in touch by letter with many benefactors, whom he never failed to visit when he came to Italy for a while.

A few months ago, he returned to Italy for surgery on his right eye. As he was preparing to return to Congo, he was struck down by COVID-19. He passed away in the hospital of Rovereto after a short illness. He will be remembered with veneration by all who knew him.

Until his death on December 10, 2020, Fr. Maurutto was a member of the Saint Joseph Freinademetz community in Kinshasa.

Fr. Artur Chludzinski (POL)
05-12-2020; 63-82-83-89-90



Artur Chludzinski was born in Lidzbark Warm, Poland, on April 25, 1963, to Waclaw and Czeslawa's family, Walkiewicz. His father was a warehouse manager and his mother a nurse. He had three siblings: two brothers and one sister. In 1970 he began his education in an elementary school in his hometown. After graduation in 1978, he continued his education in the

local Secondary School.

He began the novitiate program in Chludowo on September 1, 1982. He professed his first vows in Nysa on September 8, 1983. He pronounced his vows perpetually on September 8, 1989, in Pieniezno. On May 12, 1990, he was ordained a priest in Pieniezno by Bishop Wojciech Ziembra.

Between 1990-1992 he served as an assistant priest in the Our Lady of Sorrows SVD parish in Nysa. Upon his request, he received a mission appointment to Brazil - Amazon. He worked in Ruropolis, Boa Vista, Santarem, and Placas until he returned to Poland in 2007.

In 2007, Fr. Chludzinski served in Saint Joseph Mission House in Górna Grupa near Grudziądz as an assistant to the local superior. Between 2009-2013 he ministered as an assistant parish priest in the Queen of the Apostles SVD parish in Rybnik. Starting from 2013, he was the superior of the Holy Spirit Mission House in Warsaw. On August 1, 2019, he began ministry as the Parish Priest of Saint Apostles Peter and Paul SVD parish in Pieniężno.

Fr. Artur was loved and respected by the parishioners for being humble and kind. He was also highly valued as a retreat master. His dedicated priestly ministry was interrupted by a sudden and grave illness. Fr. Artur Chludzinski died on December 5 in the Warsaw Clinical Hospital.

Fr. Roman Czajka (POL)
04-12-2020; 59-78-80-84-85



Roman Czajka was born on March 10, 1959, in Mrągowo, Poland, to Tadeusz and Danuta Smelczyńska. He had three siblings: two brothers and one sister. His parents worked in education. After successfully passing the secondary school-leaving exam, he began his novitiate in Chludowo on September 8, 1978. He professed his first vows in Pieniezno on September 8, 1980. On September 8, 1984, he pronounced in Pieniezno his perpetual vows. He was ordained a priest by Cardinal Henryk Gulbinowicz in Pieniezno on June 15, 1985. His first mission assignment was POL.

Following priestly ordination, his superiors assigned him to Rome to study theology, which he completed in 1989, obtaining STL in moral theology. Next, his ministry was lecturing at the SVD Seminary in Pieniężno. Father Roman's passion was to serve people living on society's margins, so in his free time, he traveled to Białystok, where he joined the ministry of Edward Konkol SVD. The latter runs the "Droga" [The Way] Family Relief Association. With time his duties were expanding.

In 1992-1995, he held the office of vice-rector of the Divine Word Seminary in Pieniężno. From 2001 to 2007 he was Provincial Secretary. In 2005 he undertook one-year postgraduate studies in addiction prevention

and therapy at the Department of Humanities of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

In autumn 2007, he left for pastoral work in Romania and Moldova. In 2017 he returned to Poland and joined the SVD community of Saint Casimir in Białystok-Kleosin. In 2019 he was appointed to the office of curator for clergy accused or convicted of sexual abuse of minors. In the same year, he was elected superior of Saint Joseph Mission House in Górna Grupa, near Grudziądz.

Father Roman Czajka was infected with the COVID-19 virus. He spent several weeks on a special ward in the Grudziądz Hospital, where he died on December 4, 2020.

Fr. Stanisław Olesiak (POL)
01-12-2020, 53-74-75-78-79



Stanisław Olesiak was born on February 15, 1953, in Nowy Sącz to Julian and Maria nee Plata. He had three younger brothers and a sister. His parents had a farm, and as a little boy, Stanisław grazed sheep on grassy mountain slopes. After finishing secondary school, he entered the Diocesan Seminary in Tarnów, and it was there that he discovered his missionary vocation. Therefore, after completing two years of philosophical studies, in 1974, he began his novitiate in Pieniezno on September 7, 1974. He professed his first vows in Pieniezno on September 8, 1975. He professed his final vows in Pieniezno on September 8, 1978. He received his priestly ordination on April 22, 1979, from Bishop Ignacy Tokarczuk in Pieniezno.

Following the request he expressed, he was assigned by his superiors to missionary work in Zaire, as was known at that time. His missionary assignment was eventually changed, and he left for Ghana, where he worked for seven years. Due to health problems, he had to return to Poland. He joined the Saint Adalbert SVD Community in Pienieżno and undertook medical treatment for his liver's amoeba. In 1991, he asked his superiors to stay outside the religious house to receive medical treatment. He was also diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at that time, and since then, he has remained in a wheelchair.

He accepted the fact of yet another illness as a new "vocation." He decided to minister among people who suffered and were alone in their disabilities. With superiors' permission, he made his family house his residence. He carried out his ministry among disabled people with the Foundation called "Spokojne jutro" [Peaceful Tomorrow]. He was the founder. One of the aspects of his ministry was to organize pilgrimages and trips for people in wheelchairs. He also cooperated with the "Mimo Wszystko" [Against the Odds] Foundation run by former Polish actress Anna Dymna.

Fr. Olesiak's ministry among the disabled people is accounted for in his book entitled "Z mocą Bożą. Z misją wśród niepełnosprawnych" [With the Power of God. With a Mission Among the Disabled], (published by Verbinum, Warsaw 2009). He also wrote poems. His dedicated priestly and missionary ministry has been widely acknowledged and appreciated. Fr. Olesiak is a laureate of many awards, including "Amicus Hominum Award"; the Golden "Cyrenean" Statuette, and the "Gold Cross of Merit," which he received from the hands of the President of the Republic of Poland.

Fr. Stanisław Olesiak died in the hospital in Nowy Sącz on December 1, 2020, after a long and severe illness. May he rest in peace.

Fr. Alojzy Wiatrok (POL)
22-11-2020; 32-49-51-57-57



Alojzy Wiatrok was born on February 15, 1932, in Wisła Mała, to Karol and Maria née Pustelnik. His father was a shoemaker, and his mother took care of the household and raising children. He had four siblings: three brothers and a sister. On August 29, 1946, he entered the then SVD Minor Seminary in Bruczków (Archdiocese of Poznań). On September 8, 1949, he began his novitiate in Saint Wojciech SVD Mission House in Pienieżno. Having studied philosophy and theology, he was ordained a priest on July 7, 1957. He belonged to a significant and exceptionally "active" class in the post-war period. They were called "Stormtroopers" because apart from studying, they were involved in reconstructing and maintaining the monastery premises.

Since World War II, Poland found itself behind the so-called Iron Curtain – under the communist regime. Leaving the country for missionary work was forbidden. As a result, Fr. Wiatrok and his colleagues had to wait ten more years before the Polish authorities allowed them to leave the country to do missionary work. During this period, Fr. Alojzy was ministering in various parts of Poland. However, his priestly ministry's most fruitful period in Poland was his five-year stay in Malbork (until 1967). He was very much liked there by his parishioners. And still today, after 50 years, those who remember him say that: "He left behind an indelible trace of goodness and love."

Finally, after years of waiting, on September 24, 1967, Fr. Alojzy arrived in Brazil – his "Promised Land". Over the years of his pastoral and missionary work in Brazil, Fr. Wiatrok was most active among the Polish diaspora (Curitiba, Murici, and others). He belonged to the group of missionaries who were builders. He built churches, chapels, schools, and religious houses. Apart from pastoral work, he also taught in schools. For the longest time, he was a parish priest in

Sao Jose dos Pinhaus in Paraná. In recognition of his achievements to the city, he received an Honorary Citizenship.

After 32 years of missionary work in Brazil, he returned to Poland on May 21, 1999. As he was still strong enough, he was still active doing pastoral work in various SVD centers in Poland. For seventeen years, he served as a chaplain for the Daughters of Divine Charity in Jastrzębie Zdrój, Poland.

Due to loss of strength, he was transferred on June

17, 2020, to the Saint Joseph Mission House in Górna Grupa, where he died on Sunday, November 22. His sudden death was a big surprise to everyone.

Fr. Aloysius was a man of faith and practical action. Through his joyful priesthood, he was able to attract people to collaborate with him. His many talents in musical, pedagogical, and organizational ambit allowed him to accomplish a lot for the Lord and His people. May God reward him for his faithful and dedicated service.

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Appointments

12.09.2020	Fr. Soyepia, Joao Ladeira Antonio	ANG Praeses Formation House	tri
03.12.2020	Fr. Rodriguez, Jose Luis	ANG sup/dist Distrito Norte	tri
03.12.2020	Fr. Leu, Yoakim	ANG sup/dist Distrito Lese	tri
03.12.2020	Fr. Lumwangano, Francisco	ANG sup/dist Distrito Centro Este	tri
31.12.2020	Fr. Tran, Huy Khanh	TCD coord/com	tri
31.12.2020	Fr. Koula, Thierry Balonda	TCD coord/JPIC	tri
31.12.2929	Fr. Kallanchira, Joseph Babu	TCD coord/ap.bibl	tri
31.12.2020	Fr. Koubi, Djagre	TCD coord/zet.miss	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Lucas, Fransiskus Xaverius	IDJ oecon/prov	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Meko, Hendrikus	IDJ sup/del	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Manue Hunu, Yonas	IDJ coord./ap.bibl	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Tumanggor, Lucius Yuginus	IDJ coord/JPIC	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Damis, Dionisius	IDJ coord./com	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Mitakda, Antonius Sarto	IDJ coord./zet.miss	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Hutrin Tae, Agustinus	IDJ coord/Family Apostolate	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. I Made Purnawan, Antonius	IDJ prov/sec	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Nule, Martinus	IDJ sup/dist Sumatera Utara District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Hurmintojoyo, Hironimus	IDJ sup/dist Kalimantan Barat District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Uran Sari, Lucius	IDJ sup/dist Kalimantan Tengah District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Nevi Mapu, Alexander	IDJ sup/dist Kalimantan Timur District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Sasar Harapan, Gregorius	IDJ sup/dist Jakarta District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Beda Udjan, Dominikus	IDJ sup/dist Surabaya District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Nyoman Madia Adnyana, Yohanes	IDJ sup/dist Bali-Lombok District	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Soni Keraf, Petrus	IDJ Praeses Surabaya Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Sigit Pawanta, Hermanus	IDJ Praeses Jakarta Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Kilatwono, Lukas	IDJ Praeses Saidi Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Pati Soge, Aurelius	IDJ Praeses Batam Community	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. Bai Tukan, Yohanes	IDJ Praeses Jeruju Community	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. Yakob, Yosef, <Oscar Romero>	IDJ Praeses Palangka Raya Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Kadek Sunartha, Felix	IDJ Praeses Tayan Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Purwahartaka, Emanuel Grasius	IDJ Praeses Yogyakarta Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Fahik, Guido	IDJ Praeses Denpasar Community	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Sarbini, Peter Bruno	IDJ Praeses of Missiology House	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Nyoman Murtika, Augustinus	IDJ Praeses of Retirement House	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Made Sudhiarsa, Raymundus	IDJ Rector of Major Seminary	tri

18.01.2021	Fr. Situmorang, Markus	IDJ Coordinator of Prefect Team for Scholastics	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. Jono, Rokhus, <Yohanes M.V.>	IDJ Dir. of Brothers and Formation	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Wayan Joko Sunaryo, Bartholomeus	IDJ mag/nov	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Gheru Kaka, Josef	IDJ Prefect Postulants	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. Jono, Rokhus <Yohanes M.V.>	IDJ Prefect Junior Brothers	tri
18.01.2021	Bro. I Made Purniawan, Antonius	IDJ Prefect Junior Brothers	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Weru, Damianus	IDJ spir/dir formandi	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Moa, Daniel	IDJ spir/dir formandi	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Gusti Agung Gede S., Paulus	IDJ spir/dir formandi	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Made Sudhiarsa, Raymundus	IDJ MER Coordinator	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. I Wayan Joko Sunaryo, Bartholomeus	IDJ AJS Coordinator	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Purwahartaka, Emanuel Grasius	IDJ coord/zel.voc	tri
18.01.2021	Fr. Mitakda, Antonius Sarto	IDJ Moderator of SOVERDIA (Lay Partner)	tri

Transfers

21.12.2020	Fr. Rotter, Paul	PAR/GER
05.01.2021	Fr. Sido, Simon	TLS/IDE
19.01.2021	Fr. Calonia, Arturo	BRN/PHS
19.01.2021	Fr. Pereira, Loreto Jose	ECU/USW
19.01.2021	Fr. Wegrzyn, Edward	ANG/POL
19.01.2021	Fr. Garbacz, Kazimierz	USC/POL for retirement

FIRST ASSIGNMENT – January 2021

	PROV	COD	ASSIGNMENT
EUROPA-3			
Mensah, Joseph	IBP	5gha	IBP
Narcher, Clement Kwabena	IBP	5gha	IBP
PANAM-1			
Kimario, Emmanuel	ARS	5tza	ARS
ASPAC-24			
Andrianihantana, François d'Assie	AUS	5mdg	AUS (Pref. New Zealand)
Chinnappan, Adaikalaraj	INM	3ind	INH
Colaco, Valson Savio	INM	3ind	ING
D'Souza, H. Deepak Wilson	INE	3ind	INC
D'Souza, Hanson	INE	3ind	POL (Pref. Norway/Latvia)
Dias, Aaron Joaquim	INM	3ind	CNG
Jojo, Varjil	INM	3ind	ECU
Joseph, Anandha Savarimuthu	INM	3ind	BOL
Kasu, Sagar Anthony Reddy	INM	3ind	INH
Kujur, Parash Prasan	INE	3ind	INE
Le, Duc Hong Nicolas	AUS	3vnm	USC
M., Ajeesh Peter Sahai	INE	3ind	IDJ
Madanu, Joseph Praveen	INM	3ind	INE
Manjakadambil, George Joseph	INM	3ind	BOT (Pref. South Africa)
Mariasusai, Arockia Sebastian	INM	3ind	USS
Mascarenhas, Melroy Boniface	INM	3qat	INM
Nguyen, Hai Duy Joseph	AUS	3vnm	COL
Parkhe, Laxman Saduji (Lucas)	INM	3ind	INM
Razafimandimby, Marius	AUS	5mdg	NEB
Sine, John	PNG	4png	ARE
Teye, Edward Okletey	AUS	5gha	ZIM
Thalisserickal, Tijo Joseph	INM	3ind	HUN
Thanolil, Jobin George	INM	3ind	INC
Thomas, Philip Raja	INM	3ind	ITA (Pref. Albania)
AFRAM-9			
Aarah-Bapuah, Vincent	GHA	5gha	GHA
Adanlessossi, Komlan	CNG	5tgo	ARE
Agvei, Norbert	GHA	5gha	GHA
Anem Ondun Joseph	GHA	5cod	CNG
Glover, Ramsey Gordon Mao	GHA	5gha	PHS
Gozo, Edward Kwaame	CNG	5gha	ARS
Sen, Joseph	GHA	4png	PNG
Sibelo, Jacob	CNG	5zwe	CNG
Sossou, Amétowoyona Déo	GHA	5tgo	GER