

Via Latina 22

News From the General Administration - Society of Mary



FOURTEEN MARIANISTS PROFESS VOWS

8 make PV's in India, 5 make PV's in Kenya and 1 professes Temporary vows in Mexico.

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Perpetual Profession in India

After an eight day retreat led by Brothers Mike O'Grady and Ed Violet and celebrating Christmas with the local communities in the Ranchi area, eight brothers of the District of India professed their perpetual vows during the



Eucharist celebrated at Nirmal Deep, the Marianist Novitiate in Ranchi India on December 30, 2006. The brothers, Augustus Surin, Raymond Toppo, Kuldeep Ekka, Lucien Tigga, Nittamaria Varaprasad, Rajesh Kumar Lakra, Birendra Kullu, and Chinnaiah Polishetti, were escorted in the entrance procession along with representatives from their families



by forty dancers of the REDS program in Ranchi to the beat of tribal drums. Approximately 600 attended the colorful ceremony which lasted for more than three hours. Former Superior General, Fr. David Fleming was the principal celebrant joined by 11 concelebrants including Fr. Pragasam, District Superior. Brothers Ed Violet and Alex Toppo gave the homily. The novitiate community prepared the celebration with the assistance of the Marianist Lay Community and Soporom School.

Perpetual Profession in Nairobi

As a fitting conclusion to the *Charism III* program (page 2), five brothers of the District of Eastern Africa professed Perpetual Vows on January 2, 2007 in Nairobi. Fr. Manuel Cortés was the Principal Celebrant assisted by several others, including Fr. Martin Solma, District Superior. Bro. Stephen Glodek and Fr. James Fitz, Provincial and Assistant Provincial of the Province of the United States, were also present. Brother



Stephen received the vows of the professed.

After the an extended and lively liturgy, the celebration continued with a wonderful reception for the Marianist Family and friends of the professed.

Temporary Profession in Mexico

Juan José Ochoa Salazar (at right) professed first vows in Querétaro, Mexico, on Dec. 8, 2006. Fr. Quentin Hakenewerth was the presider and homilist for the Mass. Bro. Roberto Hanss received the vows, and Fr. Joe Lackner presented the Rule of Life book and the Marianist cross to Bro. Juan José.



General Administration Calendar

For all trips, the final date shown is the date the person is back in Rome

- Dec 28 - Jan 4: MC and AF attend *Charism '06* in Nairobi
- Jan 8-10: General Council Meetings, Rome
- Jan 12-23: MC attends CLAMAR in Bogotá
- Jan 21-30: EV and AF visit Togo
- Jan 30-Feb 6: EV and AF visit Ivory Coast
- Feb 7-13: General Council Meetings, Rome

G.A. Communications Recently Sent...

- Dec 5 - *Via Latina 22* (Nº 152): To all Unit Heads, etc.
- Dec 16 - Message from WCMF to all unit Heads, etc.
- Dec 18 - Prayer Intentions from the Postulator General to all Unit Heads, etc.
- Death Notices - #'s 29 & 30; to all Unit Heads, etc.
- Dec 30 - Request for Annual Statistics; to all Unit heads, etc.



LIVING AND SHARING OUR CHARISM: *Charism III - Nairobi*



From December 12, 2006 to January 2, 2007, temporary professed brothers from the Districts of Eastern Africa, Ivory Coast, India, the Regions of Korea and Togo, and the Sector of the Congo, gathered for a program to explore our Marianist life and charism today. This was the third such program held for these units in recent years. Presenters from various units shared their thoughts and experiences. Among these were Fr. Manuel Cortés, Superior General and Fr. André Fetís, General Assistant for Religious Life. Activities included presentations, cultural sharings, prayer and community building. Organization of the program was magnificently carried out by members of the District of Eastern Africa under the direction of Fr. Martin Solma.



ICMF WEBSITE LAUNCHED

The International Center for Marianist Formation announces the launching of its Internet website: www.icmf.info On this site you will have access to information and materials for ongoing formation that will assist members of the Marianist Family in living and growing in our missionary vocation as Marianists. The website presents its materials in French, Spanish and English.

Presently you will find:

- Documents for the *Stella Maris* program (*new!*), which is a 2-3 year program designed for the formation of temporary professed on their way to perpetual vows, but useful for other Marianist formation purposes.
- Documents for the *Spirit of Saragossa* thirty-day Marianist directed retreat process. This is designed for SM/FMI perpetual vow preparation and open to use by others in the Marianist Family.
- The calendar and course description for the **Marist-Marianist Renewal programs** for Mid-Life and Third-Age members of the SM.
- A report from the ICMF where you can learn more about the origin of the Center as well as some details about the activities over the past four years of the Center's existence.

The website is still developing and over the next few months more items will be added. Please take a moment to visit us and make a "bookmark" for this site to continue to benefit from these resources in the future. www.icmf.info . (TFG)

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Marianists International

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FOCUS: Marianist Foundation in Poland

Ever since the Marianists arrived in Poland four years ago, they have worked hard to increase contacts with members of the Marian Confraternities that exist in the various cities of this country. In recent years, some of their members have made their annual 4-day retreat in our house in Czestochowa. These spiritual exercises have been mainly preached by Fr. Emilio Cárdenas, S.M., who, from the outset, lets them know about the Marian "Sodality" of Bordeaux and the work carried out in the development of our Congregation by Blessed Father Chaminade. In a similar manner, through the work of Brother José Ignacio Iglesia, S.M., they have become familiar with Faustino and some of the aspects of our common spirituality. As a result of all this, we have come to share with these members of other Confraternities a much deeper knowledge of each other's origins and charism.

In addition, the Marianists have attended some of the meetings of Administrators of Marian Confraternities held both in Warsaw and Czestochowa. Furthermore, encouraged by the General Council, a little over a year ago, they began to become strongly involved with the Marian Congregation of Warsaw, which staffs and animates a small private high school in the center of that city.

During the last academic year, the Marianists conducted retreats at the school for those students in the upper grades (secondary and *baccalaureate*). This year, our brothers travel to Warsaw once a month to meet with the faculty, conduct discussions on Christian formation, and celebrate the Eucharist with them.

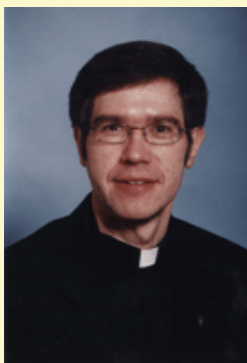
These are steps which may lead to a more long-term and direct collaboration with this school. Throughout the current school year, we wish to take the next steps to bring this to fruition: meetings with the bishop of the diocese and other responsible persons; finalization of a concrete plan-of-action including solicitation of collaborators; searching for possible complementary pastoral works in the diocese; searching for new house for the Marianist community; etc.

We are convinced that a partnership of this type, especially in something so familiar to us as the work of education, will allow the goodness of our presence in this country to emerge through: the enrichment of our mission, stronger contacts with the people, the search for candidates, expansion of our works, and, of course, the possible incorporation of more religious in our work. In addition, we are very mindful of the fact that it has been the Lord and our Mother who have led us down these roads and they will continue to guide us on the paths which lie ahead.

We ask your prayers that the Lord might help us in this process and that we might do all things according to His will. *José Ignacio Iglesias, S.M.*



**José Ignacio Iglesias, S.M., (l.),
in Poland with Javier Anso, S.M.**



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. Luis Melo, a member of the Region of Canada, has been appointed by Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the *Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity* a member of the Joint Working Group (JWG) between the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches for the period 2006-2013. We offer Luis our congratulations and fraternal prayers as he takes up this important service to the Church and those of other faiths.

NECROLOGY - 2006

It has pleased God to call to himself our dear brothers...

N°	Name	Date	Place	Age	Prof.	Unit
1	Herman Bernard Lambers	Jan. 5	Dayton	94	73	US
2	*Thomas Martin Schelble	Jan. 7	San Antonio	89	71	US
3	Walter Joseph Oberster	Jan. 11	Brentwood, NY	72	53	US
4	*Florencio Murua Salterain	Feb. 6	Madrid	94	77	MA
5	Georges Adolf	Mar. 8	Issenheim	91	73	FR
6	*Lawrence Jordan	Mar. 16	San Antonio, TX	99	82	US
7	Millán Ortega Urizarna	Mar. 18	Zaragoza	68	51	ZA
8	Dario Tucci	Mar. 20	Roma	68	51	IT
9	Benigno Villardi	Mar. 28	Roma	77	57	IT
10	*Charles Oyabu	Apr. 5	San Antonio, TX	65	46	US
11	*Louis Felix Morel	Apr. 10	Colmar	78	61	FR
12	Joseph O'Meara	Apr. 14	St. Louis	85	65	US
13	*Robert Joseph Heil	Apr. 16	Lima, Peru	88	70	PE
14	*Norbert George Moellering	May 5	San Antonio	91	72	US
15	Francis Dames	May 16	San Antonio, TX	97	79	US
16	Léo Biollaz	May 17	Sion	82	62	SU
17	Raymond Bohyn	May 21	Sucy-en-Brie, France	82	61	FR
18	Ralph August Mravintz	May 23	Dayton	81	62	US
19	John Joseph Lucier	May 26	Dayton	89	72	US
20	Severo Pereda Fernández	Jun. 3	Vitoria	90	73	ZA
21	Alban Vollmar	Jun. 14	Zollikerberg, Suisse	69	51	SU
22	Fernand Joseph Bibeau	Jun. 15	Québec	74	57	CA
23	*Bernard Joseph Meyer	Jun. 16	San Antonio, TX	86	68	US
24	Arnold Andrew Wurzel	Jul. 11	San Antonio	90	72	US
25	Donato Bolinaga Pinedo	Aug. 30	Madrid	91	74	MA
26	Eugene Francis Feld	Sep. 20	San Antonio	89	71	US
27	*Robert John Hooper	Sep. 25	Dayton	88	70	US
28	Joseph Agno Gaudet	Sep. 29	Dayton	92	73	US
29	Marcel Schmitt	Dec. 2	Marignane	85	67	FR
30	*Vincent Anthony Plassenthal	Dec. 12	Dayton	92	74	US

JUBILEES 2007

Congratulations to these Jubilarians...

*...Thus, by choosing to follow the Lord in the Society of Mary,
we commit ourselves irrevocably to the service of Mary... (Rule of Life 15)*



<u>March 22</u> (60th ordination) *Mateo, Victoriano (MA)	<u>August 8</u> (25th profession) Violet, Edward (US)	<u>August 28</u> (25th ordination) *Viñuelas, Victoriano (MA)	(50th profession) Calzada, Ignacio (ZA)
<u>March 25</u> (50th profession) *Karasuyama, Sukeo Pierre (JA) *Yamasaki, Yoshihiko John (JA)	<u>August 14</u> (25th profession) Daino, Peter (EA)	<u>August 29</u> (50th profession) *Roussin, Raymond (CA)	Fernández, Juan Miguel (ZA) Foechterlé, Morand (FR) Le Goff, Yves (FR) Llamas, José Antonio (CH) *Lussy, Robert de (FR) *Madinabeitia, Jesús (ZA) Manrique, Julio (MA)
<u>April 6</u> (60th profession) Issenlor, Martin (FR)	<u>August 15</u> (70th profession) Beyer, Maurice Joseph (US) *Hogan, Thomas William (US) Novosal, Paul Peter (US) *O'Shaughnessy, Richard (US) Pieper, James (US) Sturm, Norbert Aloise (US) Wasielewski, Joseph (US)	<u>August 30</u> (60th profession) *Boggione, Giacomo (IT)	(25th profession) *Boffelli, Gianpaolo (IT) Cidad, José Manuel (MA)
<u>May 27</u> (60th ordination) *O'Shaughnessy, Richard (US)	<u>August 15</u> (60th profession) Audet, Normand Paul (CA) *Biehl, August (US) *Doorack, Ralph Joseph (PE) Fink, Frederick Albert (PE) Komrska, Paul Joseph (PE) Lootens, Harold John (US) *Montague, George Thomas (US) *Neumann, Paul Edward (MX) Turcotte, Marc Yvon (CA) Weitkamp, Pierre Dumont (US) *Wightman, William Robert (US)	<u>August 31</u> (60th profession) *Gambero, Luigi (IT) Ressico, Franco (IT)	<u>September 15</u> (25th ordination) *Sueyoshi, Katsuhisa Martin (JA)
<u>May 29</u> (25th ordination) *Chinchar, Gerald Thomas (US) *Luyo, Rafael (PE) *Magni, Luigi (IT)	<u>July 4</u> (25th profession) Almeida, Gilles de (FR)	<u>September 5</u> (50th profession) Bredestege, Paul Francis (US) *Cassidy, Theodore Kane (US) Collins, John Edward (US) Kane, Raymond Michael (US) Kostansek, James Joseph (OE) Pontolillo, Peter A. (US) *Putka, John Stephen (US) *Reaume, Michael (US) Trager, Thomas Neil (US)	<u>September 29</u> (60th profession) Arnáiz, Buenaventura (AR) Eguíluz, José María (ZA) Lacocha, Domingo (ZA) *Otaegui, José Ángel (ZA) *Otaño, José Luis (ZA)
<u>June 19</u> (25th profession) González, Francisco Tomás (US)	<u>July 10</u> (75th profession) Legórburu, Pedro (MA)	<u>September 7</u> (50th profession) Kaehler, Lester John (US)	<u>October 7</u> (50th profession) Vernhes, André (FR)
<u>July 14</u> (50th ordination) *Bergedick, Charles T. (US) *Breton, Jacques Joseph (CA) *Iñiguez, Ángel (MA) *Lora, Cecilio de (CE) *Maegawa, Iwao Pierre (JA) *Nakagawa, Francis (US) *Reich, Paul Ambrose (US) *Vial, Bernard (FR)	<u>August 16</u> (50th profession) Cortese, Giuliano (IT)	<u>September 8</u> (50th profession) Gelhard, Frederick Carl (US) *Paul, David Jerome (US)	<u>October 12</u> (60th profession) *Rappersberger, Harald (OE)
<u>July 20</u> (60th ordination) *Beaud, Jacques (FR) *Rota, Luigi (IT)	<u>August 17</u> (60th profession) Barrish, Joseph (US) Mariscalco, Joseph (US) *McEnhill, John (US) *Sommer, Kenneth James (US)	<u>September 12</u> (75th profession) Biss, Joseph (FR) Crivelli, Alfonso (IT)	<u>November 1</u> (60th profession) Mas, Jacques (FR)
	<u>August 22</u> (25th ordination) *Erdocia, Félix (ZA) *Jáuregui, Francisco Javier (ZA)	<u>September 15</u> (70th profession) Foucher, Félix (FR) *Hasler, Jules (FR) Huber, Hermann (SU) *Petitjean, François (FR)	<u>November 10</u> (50th profession) Klein, Siegfried (OE)
		<u>September 15</u> (60th profession) Zurfluh, Alfred (SU)	<u>November 15</u> (60th profession) *Zubía, Antonio María (ZA)
			<u>December 8</u> (75th profession) Ginepro, Giovanni (IT)
			(60th profession) Carry, Daniel (FR)