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Celebrating the Corpus Christi day at Kimaanya

Kimaanya Parish is located in the Catholic Diocese of Masaka, Uganda, in the Archdiocese of Kampala, East Africa. It is run by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Every year, the feast of the Corpus Christi, to which this parish is dedicated, is celebrated with pomp and color. The entire parish congregation spends that whole day at the parish.

In the week preceding the Sunday **29th May 2016**, we arranged special activities intended to prepare the Christians at both the physical and spiritual levels. The highlights of the activities were:

Sunday 22nd May

The lay adorers of our parish, numbering over 60, held a one day retreat to reflect deeply on the importance of the Eucharist in their life as Christians and as lay adorers as well as to the entire church. At the end of the retreat, we celebrated the Holy Eucharist, in which 25 lay adorers renewed their commitments of spending at least one hour per week before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, every Thursday.

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May

The Parish Priest, assisted by another priest together with the Head Catechist moved through out the 6 sub-parishes, distributing such items as sugar, soap, clothes etc to the needy. These goods were collected some few months ago from all the Christians in preparation for this event.

We used the same occasion to give communion to the sick and the elderly plus anointing those who were in need of the Sacrament; those who are no longer capable of coming to the church.

Wednesday 25th May

Confession, on the individual basis, was conducted at the Parish for all who wished to take a spiritual bath.

Thursday 26th May

The entire day was devoted to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church from 8.30 am-5pm with solemn benediction and then the Eucharistic Celebration.

Friday 27th and Saturday 28th May

Nocturnal adoration at the Parish with animations from different groups. On Saturday, two couples, who had been previously co-habiting, made their marriage vows, as part of the culmination of the preparations for the parish day.



Sunday 29th May

The main celebrant was the ordinary of the diocese, Rt. Rev. John Baptist Kaggwa, assisted by eleven Priests. The mass was celebrated outdoors at the Shrine of the Uganda Martyrs. Attendance was massive and the weather was hot and dry.

The Eucharistic procession.

Kimaanya Parish grounds are fairly large. The congregation, in their respective Sub-Parishes and schools took advantage of this factor to erect twelve "stations". The Bishop, holding the Monstrance, led the entire congregation to each of the twelve stations among melodious singing which was animated by the joint choir of the parish.

There followed an interlude of brief speeches from the Parish Priest, the head of the Laity, the area Member of Parliament and lastly by the Bishop. Immediately, after the speeches, we shared lunch as a fraternal meal, which was prepared by the different Sub-Parishes and the schools. Lunch was followed by an hour or so of entertainment which included songs, short dramatic plays, poem recitation and a game between the Sub-Parishes. The events of the day were concluded by a game of football between the Clergy and the Parish Executive Committee.

Long live the Eymardian Family.

FR JOSEPH MATOVU, SSS
PARISH PRIEST OF MASAKA



SSS Latin American Conference

The annual meeting of the CLAS (Blessed Sacrament Latin American Conference) was celebrated from **June 7th – 10th 2016** in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The participants of the meeting included the two provincials, Fr Hernaldo Pinto Farias and Camilo Gagnon, the two delegates – elected by the Provincial Councils – Fr Renivaldo da Cruz and Fr Carlos José Sierra Rodrigues, together with the responsible of CLAS Formation, Fr Wilson Duran Cruz. Fr Giulio Maccali also joined the meeting as a General Consultor for Latin America.

In recent years the main topic of this meeting dealt with formation. It has taken some years to treat issues regarding the material organization of the common novitiate and scholasticate. For the last two meetings the topic has been centred above all on the programmes and contents of these two steps of formation, guided by the Document of Formation of the Congregation. Now it can be said that we have a well structured and adapted novitiate and scholasticate programme.

At this 2016 meeting we started to build up the basis for a more articulated formation between the two Provinces regarding the phases of the pre-novitiate, namely aspirancy and postulancy. Also the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe presented the programme they have created for the vocation apostolate in accordance with the master guidelines of the Document of Formation: In-vocation, With-vocation and For-vocation. We could say that the CLAS has worked with the speed of a cruise ship. We hope there will be travellers on board!

During this meeting we shared the desire of resuming what was done at the meetings of formation and animation that happened during the 1980's and 1990's, where the main question was our being SSS in South America. I think these encounters had as a base these three points: the political, economical and social reality of Latin America, the ecclesial life – both South-American and universal, and our charism, expressed in the documents of the Congregation.



Now that the majority of our religious are fluent in our two basic languages – Portuguese and Spanish – and that they also had a good part of their formation in common, it was decided that during a four year period of time an Amplified Council of the CLAS will be celebrated once, dedicated to this search: "SSS in Latin America?". Taking into consideration the celebration of the General Chapter in June 2017 and of the Provincial Chapters in 2018, this meeting should take place during 2019.

I cannot end this small communication regarding the CLAS 2016 meeting without mentioning the excursion we had at the Museum-Park of Inhotim, just outside Belo Horizonte. This place holds more than twenty pavilions (art galleries), all over the park, where we were able to appreciate the vision of modern artists. This was an experience of architectural and artistic beauty and also a reflection about this "modern" humanity that destroys itself: an enormous machine suffocating a tree, a "hot" street in Bahia, a road running through the land of native populations, a musician subjected to the ideology of the party, fifty pictures of a tortured political prisoner, etc...

There is also a pavilion where one can listen to the beating heart of the earth.

And we, SSS in South America, what do we contribute to this humanity?

FR CAMILO GAGNON, SSS
PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR



Annual Retreat

With joy we share with you news of our retreat that took place on **26 and 27 June 2016** with the communities of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and the Eucharistic Heart, both belonging to the Cenacle of Caratinga. The theme was “Mercy – Fear not at all: you are worth more than many sparrows” (Lk 12:7b). Guided by our Provincial Superior, Father Hernaldo Pinto Farias sss, we lived an experience of meditation and prayer.



Following this theme we integrated more deeply Pope Francis’ suggestion to hold a Holy Year of Mercy: “Merciful like the Father.”

- God is the source of mercy – Our daily experience of mercy (Lk 15:11-22). The word of the Father of Mercy challenges and disturbs us. What is my stand in this perspective? What kind of feature represents me? What is my relationship with God and my brothers and sisters, and above all with those who make mistakes?

- Mercy lived in the Sacrament of Reconciliation – Our occasional experience of mercy. Understanding and receiving what the Sacrament of Reconciliation really signifies. Do I resist being forgiven? How could the life of someone experiencing being forgiven be?

- Mercy lived in the Eucharist – The penitential act. Recognising oneself as a sinner opens a person

to the greatest grace, which is the Father’s mercy. Longing ardently to open oneself to grace enables the Father’s mercy to flow through me. For the Penitential Act to be fully lived the rite must be understood, participated and responded to actively. We must not allow a sacred act to turn into an empty gesture carried out by rote.

Thus, with these rich reflections we took part in the Rite of Reconciliation and celebrated the Eucharist. It was a time of deep personal meditation through which, starting from ourselves, we discovered being united with others, recognising our limitations and need for the Father’s grace. We made a journey... It is the Eucharist that carries us and urges us onwards... And if it is present, what more can be asked for? Isn’t this what our Founder, St Peter Julian Eymard, teaches us?

Father Eymard’s words expressed for us what is very present and applicable to our times: “And He (Jesus) made a sinner into a prince of his mercy and his love.” And again: “Where there isn’t misery, there is no reason to use mercy. Likewise, if there isn’t an offence, clemency and pardon can’t be exercised.”

We are very grateful for having been able to live this experience under Father Hernaldo’s direction. May God bless and guide him in his mission. May the joy of the Lord be always our strength.

TEREZINHA BREDER TEIXEIRA
CENACLE OF CARATINGA



Project of an SSS vocational notice board

The SSS vocational notice board is a space created for advertising purposes, for attaching messages, advertisements and announcements, information about facts, among other items. It is an instrument of information and visual communication.

Purpose: We are endeavouring to set up a channel of communication between the Vocation Apostolate and the community, and the committee of the Parish of Saint Benedict, in Fortaleza, has begun preparing this notice board. This tool of communication enables us to constantly spread information about our SSS vocation. Because it will be on permanent display, all who enter the Shrine will have access to the notices. Our idea is to foster vocations and this notice board will help us to achieve this objective.

Objective: to help to spread news pertaining to the SSS Vocation Apostolate in a fast, efficient and objective way, in order to arouse interest in vocations and to facilitate contact for persons who may be interested.

Methodology: The vocational notice board is changed every month and always presents useful news regarding the spread of the Vocation Apostolate, namely, information about vocational meetings, photos of the meetings and fraternal experiences, texts relating to vocation, texts about the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Founder, as well as telephone numbers and the email address of the vocation promoter. The notice board is displayed at the main entrance of the Shrine of Saint Benoît, at a spot easily accessible for those wishing to enter.

FR. ARMINDO MAGALHAES, SSS
VOCATION DIRECTOR



Edition of the Proper of the Congregation

At the request of the Provincial Council, the Eucharistic Centre of Ponteranica (Italy) has completed the edition of the 'liturgical Proper' of the Congregation for the Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and the Solemnity of St Peter-Julian Eymard.

In 1975 the then Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship had approved the Proper of the Congregation of the Religious and Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, comprising also the memorials of Saint Juliana of Cornillon and Blessed Eve a recluse (5 April), St Vincent Ferrier (6 April), St Alphonsus Mary Liguori (2 August), St Tarcisius (16 August).

Following the approval of the *Rule of Life* (1984), the General Statutes kept throughout the whole Congregation the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the principal and titular feast of the Congregation, the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the principal patron (13 May, anniversary of the foundation of the Congregation), and the solemnity of St Peter-Julian Eymard, the Founder (2 August or 5 February). It left it to the Provinces to determine possible feast and memorials to be inserted or promoted in their own liturgical calendar

(GS 11.03-04). In time, the Province of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament did not consider it appropriate to include or recall more saints in a special way.

There are now being presented to the Italian religious and faithful two texts for use: the Mass and Lectionary for celebration of the Eucharist (format of the CEI Missal), the Liturgy of Hours, at the end of which there are added also the two Masses with the respective Lectionary (format of Morning and Evening Prayer in the CEI edition).

Hoping to have carried out a useful service, we apologise for any inaccuracies or errors.

FR FIORENZO SALVI, SSS
DIRECTOR EUCHARISTIC CENTRE



Publications

The website of the publisher EDIBESA announces the release of the second volume of the series *Adoraciones Eucarísticas: "Eucaristía, banquete de misericordia"*, which includes nine patterns with texts by Fr. Rizieri Santi sss, which I translated into Castilian. <http://www.edibesa.com/ficha/?i=2036>

Fr. Lino Emilio Díez, sss

It was published in Spanish the booklet "*La misericordia de Dios - Un océano de amor*". You can order it from the Eucharistic Center in Ponteranica (Italy) at:

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<http://www.centroeucaristico.it/>



The death of a brother will be celebrated as a Paschal event filled with hope. We shall faithfully carry out the prescribed prayers for our deceased (RL 13).

N. 1500 - Father Dante MARANTA

Province: O.L. of the Blessed Sacrament
Community: Milano-S. Angela, Italy
Death: 21 July 2016
Age: 83
Profession: 64
Priesthood: 57