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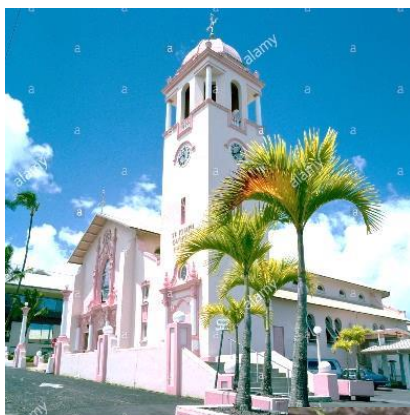
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Three new canonically erected communities

On **December 20, 2016**, the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption (Philippines-Uganda-Hawaii) received the official decrees from the Generalate declaring the elevation of the Mission Stations of Hilo, Taguig and Surigao to canonically erected communities effective December 6, 2016, thus bringing the total number of the local communities of the Province to 16.

HILO, Diocese of Honolulu



The external of the Church of Saint Joseph

the SSS priests in Hilo – Frs. Wilbert, Zaldy and Poli (L-R)



In 2009, Most Reverend Clarence (Larry) Silva, D.D., Bishop of Honolulu, requested the SSS to take over the administration of St. Joseph Parish in Hilo aside from its administrative commitment to Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Oahu.

There was only one community then for the two parishes until a petition was granted creating SSS Hilo a separate community. The capacity of Hilo to be dependent was the primary reason for the petition. However, the geographical distance between the two parishes (340 km apart, or roughly a one-hour flight) which presents difficulties in scheduling meetings, among others, was also given weight.

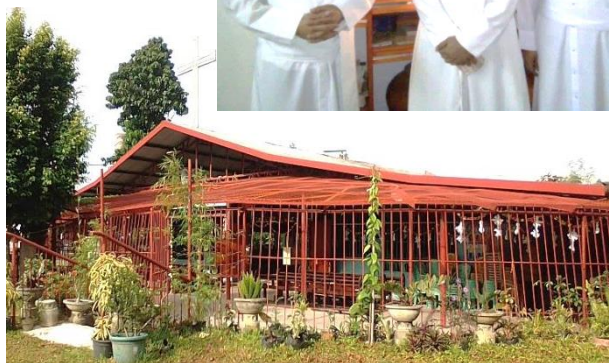
St. Joseph Parish, Hilo, can be considered as the central church in the eastside of the Hawaii Big Island. While it has a very colorful history in terms of the struggle of all the different pastors that have been assigned in this parish, today the people are quick to recognize the difference the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament has brought to the life of the Parish. In terms of ministries, there is a lot of demand for the Sacramentinos to share their Eucharistic charism in varied respects.

Currently there are three religious assigned in St. Joseph Parish, Hilo: Fr. Apolinario Ty as Local Superior, Fr. Wilbert Laroga as Pastor and Fr. Zaldy Norba as Parochial Vicar.

TAGUIG, Diocese of Pasig

In 2013, Most Reverend Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, D.D., Bishop of Pasig, made a formal invitation to the Congregation to take over the administration of San Vicente Ferrer Quasi-Parish. The 2014 Provincial Chapter gave the mandate to accept Bishop Vergara's invitation. Thus, on February 1, 2015, the Province of Our Lady of the Assumption formally assumed the administrative responsibility of the said quasi-parish. Taking over such responsibility is not only an opportunity to share the SSS Eucharistic

charism but also a concrete response to the challenge of Pope Francis to go to the periphery.



Expanded church structure of San Vicente Ferrer Quasi-Parish and the assigned Sacramentinos – Fr. Peter John, Fr. Arnel and Rev. Leo (L-R)

The area covered by the quasi-parish is average in size. Its parishioners number around 40,000. Although there is a large number of Catholics in the area, an estimated 60% of them do not regularly attend church services or participate in church activities.

Currently there are two assigned priests and a deacon in the quasi-parish – Fr. Peter John Abogado as Superior, Fr. Jose Arnel Martinez as Pastor and Rev. Leo Ayuyao, on Diaconal ministry.

SURIGAO, Diocese of Surigao



The exterior of the Church of San Pedro Calungsod and the SSS religious – Fr. Joel, Br. Ed and Fr. Lennen (L-R)

In early 2015, the local Ordinary of Surigao, Most Reverend Antonieto Cabajog, D.D., formally invited the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament to establish an SSS presence in his diocese, which is located in the southern part of the Philippines. After a thorough deliberation, the Council approved a period of immersion. Thus on July 18, 2015, the pioneering group took over the administration of the quasi-parish of Sta. Cruz. Furthermore, on February 20, 2016, the quasi-parish was elevated to a full-fledged parish and renamed San Pedro Calungsod Parish.

The parish is composed of six barangays and the parishioners are mostly farmers, retired teachers and retired military personnel. While they lack faith formation, they are eager to learn. A program for 81 Basic Ecclesial Communities in the parish is existing but not as vibrant as it should be.

Currently there are two assigned priests and a perpetually professed brother – Br. Eduardo Mabilen as person-in-charge, Fr. Joel Lasutaz as Pastor and Fr. Lennen Desiar as Community Treasurer.

NEW MISSION STATION PAGUDPUD, Diocese of Laoag



The interior of the church of Saint Jude Thaddeus, Pagudpud

After long delay the Province finally made a decision regarding the formal invitation of the Most Reverend Renato Mayugba, D.D., Ordinary of the diocese of Laoag, Northern Philippines, to establish an SSS Foundation in his diocese. The Amplified Provincial Council, during its October 18-21, 2016 meeting, decided to accept his offer to administer the Parish of Saint Jude Thaddeus in Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte.

Towards the end of February 2017, the Province will be sending two professed religious to man this new Mission Station and to continue the life, operation and services of the Parish of Saint Jude Thaddeus.

FR JOSEPH MATITU, SSS
PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR



“Eymard” Centre of Spirituality La Mure d’Isère (France)

PRESENTATION

The “Eymard” Centre of Spirituality was begun by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. It is situated at La Mure d’Isère and has the goal of promoting and spreading the thought and Eucharistic spirituality of St Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868). It comprises:

Eymard House (67 rue du Breuil), which is at the service of the “Eymard Family” (the male and female religious of the Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament, the Servitium Christi Institute, associated laity) as a place of welcome and starting point for spiritual itineraries.



The Eymard Exposition (69 rue du Breuil), a place of “memorial”.



The Eymard Chapel, a place of “prayer”.



The Centre is committed to working with the diocese of Grenoble-Vienne and the parish of St Peter Julian Eymard.

To better realise the purpose of the “Eymard” Centre of Spirituality, an Association was set up: “The friends of Father Eymard in Matheysine”.

Programme 2017

1 – Formation Days

Eucharistic Formation: (in keeping with the Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of Love”)

- “The marriage of the Lamb has come” (Rev 19:7). In the sacrifice of the new and eternal Covenant married couples find the source of conjugal covenant.

4 April 2017

- “Behold, I stand at the door and knock” (Rev 3:20). Jesus is knocking at the door of families to share with them the Eucharistic supper.

2 May 2017

Eymardian Formation:

A day with Father Eymard:
deepening of a stage of his life.

30 May 2017

Place: Eymard House, 67 rue du Breuil, La Mure from 9:30 to 16:30 (including Mass)*

2 – Knowing Father Eymard starting from the places of his life

Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Father Eymard:
La Seyne-sur-Mer, Toulon and Aix-en-Provence

Date: 6-7-8 June 2017

Number of participants: 18

Booking: before 31 March 2017*

3 – Day of discovering St Peter Julian Eymard

A proposal addressed to groups of catechism and for those preparing for First Communion in order to get to know the one who was an “eminent apostle of the Eucharist”.

The morning is dedicated to knowing about the life of St Peter Julian Eymard, the afternoon, for deepening an understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Contacts: Fr Manuel or Fr Martin : tel. 04 76 81 16 06

4 – Sixth edition of the Walk “in the footsteps of St Peter Julian Eymard”

La Mure - Villard St Christophe - La Mure

Theme: Along the paths of reconciliation and peace with Father Eymard.

Date: 29 July 2017

Booking: before 15 July 2017*

5 – For male and female religious of the Blessed Sacrament and laity interested in Fr Eymard

- Proposed session: “Gift of self”

Date: from 27 June to 6 July 2017

Number of participants: 7 persons (francophone)

Booking: before 30 April 2017*.

- Residential seminar to “get to know Father Eymard” by means of a geographic and spiritual itinerary (*a week in the months from April to September*).

*A brochure will provide the details and number of participants.

6 – Other possibilities

- The Eymard Exposition

Open to the public throughout the year:

- Monday mornings from 10 to 12
- From May to August Wednesdays after midday from 14:30 to 17:00
- By appointment

Entrance: Free.

Eymard House

Provides the possibility for small groups (lodging for 7 persons) to know St Peter Julian Eymard and to experience some moments of spirituality before the Eucharist.

Contacts:

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Dates to remember

4 February 2017: birth of St Peter Julian Eymard
5 February 2017: baptism of St Peter Julian Eymard
1 August 2017: death of St Peter Julian Eymard
2 August 2017: liturgical feast of St Peter Julian Eymard



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Bust of Eymard

Following the research done in the previous issue 255 about this bust of Eymard, we received information from Spain on 18 January 2017.

The author of this work is José-Ignacio Ferrer Mora Figueroa, a sculptor from the south of Spain, namely, from Jerez de la Frontera, province of Cádiz. This sculptor lived in the province of Madrid, in a village called El Molar, and we knew him because he had relatives who used to frequent our parish.



The work which was commissioned – the life-sized image of St Peter Julian Eymard – was done in the years 1992-1993 for our parish of Madrid-Corazón de María. Then the sculptor made the mould for the busts.

Three years ago the author contacted me because he was returning to the south with his wife and he proposed that we buy from him the mould and the copies he had already made. This material is now in our possession in our house of Madrid-Corazón de María, which will enable us to reproduce it when we wish to do so.

FR LINO EMILIO DÍEZ VALLADARES, SSS
SUPERIOR

We invite you to share with us all other representations of Fr Eymard (painting, sculpture, etc.), of a certain quality and with the details of its realization, to the General Secretariat:

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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. 1506 - Brother Austin COLEMAN

Province: Saint Ann
Community: New York-St Jean Baptiste, USA
Death: 13 January 2017
Age: 85
Profession: 60

N. 1507 - Brother Henry JAVA

Province: Our Lady of the Assumption
Community: Quezon City-Prov., Philippines
Death: 18 January 2017
Age: 76
Profession: 46

N. 1508 - Brother Mario PEDRON

Province: Our Lady of the Bl. Sacrament
Community: Ponteranica, Italy
Death: 21 January 2017
Age: 90
Profession: 67

N. 1509 - Father Ferdinand PRATZNER

Province: Our Lady of the Bl. Sacrament
Community: Bolzano, Italy
Death: 24 January 2017
Age: 80
Profession: 59 Priesthood: 52