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Ministry of Acolyte and Lector

On 6 May 2018 the celebration of conferring the ministries of acolyte and lector on seven scholastics was held in the parish of Blessed Anuarite of Kinshasa. Father Eugenio Barbosa Martins, the Superior General of our Blessed Sacrament Family, presided at this celebration; he was accompanied by Fathers Martin Tine, the Vicar General who is also responsible for formation, and Anaclet Bambala, the Superior of the Province of Isidore Bakanja, Denis Ndene, the Rector of the Inter-African Scholasticate "Emmaus", and other SSS religious, without forgetting to mention also the participation of parishioners, seminarians, friends and acquaintances, who were present to encourage and give thanks to God for this new step being taken by the confreres in the service of the Church.



The French choir of the parish opened the celebration. In his exhortation the Superior General invited the assembly to live the experience of Easter

through love, by assimilating Christ's resurrection with *"an energy that impels us to go forward."*

He explained also the functions of these ministries that can be carried out during and after the liturgy. He pointed out that in the Church ministries are received in view of "service."

Just after the homily, the Father Rector called the candidates out by name. It was very beautiful to see the procession of the seven young scholastics vested in white cassocks and surplices, their hands joined before their hearts – a pious posture that shows humility and an attitude of listening. After the Thanksgiving the parish priest expressed gratitude to the whole assembly for their participation.

In leaving the church, the 'graduates' of the day were congratulated, followed by a meal offered by the community took place for the SSS religious as a sign of brotherhood and solidarity.

BROTHER EPHREM ULGARIC MABIKA, SSS
SCHOLASTIC



Province of Our Lady of Africa First Provincial Chapter

In the 59th year of the Blessed Sacrament Congregation's presence in Senegal, the SSS met to hold their first Provincial Chapter from Sunday the 8th – 13th April at Mont Tabor (Rufisque), at the convent of the Sister of the Presentation of Mary. The theme of the sessions was: *"From the breaking of bread: family, gift of self and mission."*

From the outset and as if foreshadowing what would follow, the words at the opening ceremony expressed an invitation to the capitulars to live their

experience as a confident ascent of the mountain of the Transfiguration, an allusion to the place where we were meeting, Mount Tabor, even though not knowing how things would turn out there, and to be like *tabernacles open to the world*.

These perspectives clearly challenged the capitulars who were standing at the crossroads as the young Province of “*Our Lady of Africa*”, canonically erected on 19 June 2017 at the last General Chapter. It is moreover by this 35th General Chapter that we were inspired to consider three essential questions:

- ✓ *Where do we come from?*
- ✓ *Where are we?*
- ✓ *Where do we want to go?*

In responding to these questions we were enabled to gather up the most salient insights that developed during these days, and which will guide the life of the Province until the next Chapter.

Indeed, being a young Province, we are called to walk together in having at heart this concern: to really *respond to the hungers of our times with the riches of the love of God manifested in the Eucharist* [cf. RL 3].

FATHER ERNEST N’GOR FAYE, SSS



Vocation Meeting

As part of fostering the process of vocation discernment through monthly meetings, in April 2018 we have held the third SSS Vocation Meeting for the year, reflecting on the theme “Living and taking part in social work.”

This time we enjoyed the participation of the parish priest of Saint Benedict and Vice-Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Guadeloupe, Fr Jackson Frota sss, who directed the meeting with the Promoter of vocations, Fr Armindo Magalhães sss, and Mrs Aparecida a sss lay associate. Fr Jackson, on the one hand, made a great contribution thanks to his vast pastoral experience in the course of his mission in the two large churches of our city: those of Saint Benedict as well as Our Lady of Patronage. Mrs Aparecida, on the other hand, offered her expertise in virtue of being a coordinator of the social apostolate for many years in the parish of Saint Benedict.

There were many who participated, coming from both the community of Saint Benedict as well as the community of the Holy Trinity, in the sector of José Walter.

Indeed, the meaning of living the Eucharist cannot be considered without also taking into account the social dimension, to which the Eucharist is closed

linked. It is enough to think, for instance, of the life of St Peter-Julian Eymard, who went around the outskirts of France seeking out the poorest in order to educate them in a true *Renewed Eucharistic Spirituality*.



The meeting was very rich in regard to the theme of the social dimension and led us to be inserted into it, to appreciate its importance that we must always keep in mind in discerning the vocation of candidates. There were several occasions for the candidates to clarify their doubts through the dynamics presented and described very well during the meeting. All left with great enthusiasm, looking forward to the next, after this meeting ended with fraternal sharing of a meal in a special lunch for all participants.

FATHER ARMINDO MAGALHÃES, SSS
PROMOTER OF THE VOCATION APOSTOLATE.



It will be held in Thy-Le-Chateau (Belgium), about 100 km from Bruxelles, at “Community of the Beatitudes” from July 29 to August 5, 2018. The spiritual route starts from the experience of the “gift of self” lived by Father Eymard during the Retreat of Rome. The title, “Love must exaggerate”, evokes - in a younger style - an expression used by Fr. Fiorenzo Salvi during his meditative lecture at the General Chapter in 2017.



Since its beginning, 33 years ago, the experience of Eurocampo has aimed at having youth come up to Eucharist and to eucharistic spirituality. Throughout a week, young people from different countries, cultures and speaking different languages can share life and Christian Faith.

The itinerary is constituted of three stages. During the first one youth are invited to taking stock of their own lives (*"Here I am"* on Monday 30th July, and *"Most beloved children"* on Tuesday 31st July). In the second stage they receive the announcement of the Eucharist offered by Jesus (*"Self-giving"* on Thursday 2nd August) as a Sacrament that transforms and renews their spirit, that establishes a new way of life based on "service" in response to the Lord's calling. Then, during the last stage, youth are asked to make practical choices for their everyday life (*"For free"* on Friday 3rd August and *"Mission (im)possible"* on Saturday 4th August).

A day trip to Bruxelles is planned on Wednesday 1st August. It will be also the occasion to visit our community there, sharing time of prayer at the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and having lunch altogether .

Fraternity-Prayer-Service: these are the three foundations of Eurocampo. Actually they are just the foundations of our "renewed eucharistic spirituality". Fraternity is built day by day, sharing everything: friendship, dialogue, meditation, prayer, household service. Time of prayer is constituted of Morning Prayer and- on specific days- the Eucharistic Celebration, the Liturgy of Reconciliation and Adoration. Household service includes cleaning, collaboration for the meals (before, during and after) and any other service requested by those who host the Eurocampo.

As in the past, also this year Eurocampo is aimed at offering, unpretentiously, a joyful and open vocational proposal: *"With the Grace of the Eucharist we can live every day... This way we can face the present and future challenges"*.

Dear brethren, please, be bold in promoting the Eurocampo experience among youth in your parishes and also among the parents of youth who collaborate with you in several activities and share our Eucharistic spirituality.

Please, make the Eurocampo known also to any of your faithful so that they can promote it among their children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and young people in general... maybe someone is just looking for such an experience.

The Eurocampo is already a common patrimony of our Provinces in Europe. Let's make the most of this opportunity especially on this year focused on the Synod on young people.

The participation fee is 235 euros (travel expense excluded). It would be of great help if you could give any financial contribution to support those young people who cannot afford the whole cost.

If you need further information and details, or if you want other information material, please, don't hesitate to contact us. Any suggestion will be welcomed too.

Let's look ahead with trust, believing that, although our poor means, the more we will work together the more the Lord will bless us.

Please, pray for us animator for the youth at the Eurocampo. We need your spiritual support because it is increasingly difficult to organize it and, above all, to give testimony and to announce the realities of the Holy Spirit. Please, keep us in your prayer during the Holy Mass and visiting the Blessed Sacrament.

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Chapters elections

PROVINCE *KRISTU JYOTI* India

- 17 May 2018
Superior Provincial *Fr Peter Jeyakanthan DORAI*
- 18 May 2018
Vicar Provincial *Fr Peter Fernandez ANTONYSAMY*
Consultor Provincial *Fr Julian Prakash MADALAIMUTHU*
Consultor Provincial *Fr Punithan Arockia JOSEPH*
Treasurer Provincial *Fr Rosario Pushparaj SEBASTIAN*



fr Julian fr Peter Fernandez fr Peter Dorai fr Punithan fr Rosario

PROVINCE *VIETNAMESE MARTYRS* Vietnam

- 24 May 2018
Superior Provincial *Fr. Peter TRINH NHU CUNG*
Vicar Provincial *Fr Joseph PHAN NGOC TRO*
Consultor Provincial *Fr. Joseph TRAN HONG SON*
Consultor Provincial *Fr. Anthony NGO VAN THAI*
Consultor Provincial *Fr. Peter NGUYEN TRUNG CHANH*
Treasurer Provincial *Fr. Joseph NGUYEN HOANG PHONG*



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June 3, 1863

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Bless and thank God through his Holy Mother, St. Joseph and St. Michael. The Society is approved, I have the Decree of Approbation.

On March 18th, the Holy Father introduced it for the study of the Sacred Congregation.

On May 8th, he approved it.

On June 3rd, on the eve of Corpus Christi, or rather, on Corpus Christi, the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars decreed its approbation.

Notice the dates and the Saints: on the 18th, St. Gabriel; on the 8th, St. Michael; on the 3rd, Corpus Christi. The Month of St. Joseph, the Month of Mary, the Month of the Blessed Sacrament! The gifts of God are complete and carry a mystery [requiring] our gratitude.

Rome, June 10, 1863



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).

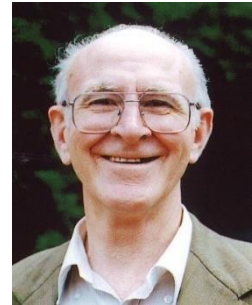
N. 1536 - Father Peter NGUYEN CHAU HAI

Province: Vietnamese Martyrs
 Community: Ho Chi Minh-Prov. House, Vietnam
 Death: 4 May 2018
 Age: 102
 Profession: 57
 Priesthood: 72



N. 1537 - Brother Aloysius TOBIN

Province: Holy Spirit
 Community: Kew East-Prov. House, Australia
 Death: 6 May 2018
 Age: 88
 Profession: 68



N. 1538 - Father Bruno PRESCOTT

Province: Saint John the Baptiste
 Community: Montréal, Canada
 Death: 9 May 2018
 Age: 86
 Profession: 65
 Priesthood: 59



N. 1539 - Father Iginio TROIANI

Province: O.L. of the Blessed Sacrament
 Community: San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy
 Death: 19 May 2018
 Age: 85
 Profession: 66
 Priesthood: 60

