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New stained-glass windows in the Eymard Chapel

Today the renovated chapel is a welcoming environment attractively offering an inviting atmosphere of recollection. It was important to complete this work of renovation and to replace the three bare windows by those of stained-glass.

These windows contain impressive messages drawn from Father Eymard's life's journey:

- The preparation of Peter-Julian Eymard for his first Communion for which he went to the three crosses to do penance;
- The Virgin Mary who accompanies him throughout his life;
- His attachment to Jesus Eucharistic.

These three windows were realised by the master glassmaker Paul Bunichon of the "Cygne" workshop in

Lyons. Attentive to us he captured our sensitivity to Father Eymard, whose spirit was meant to be retained in the sobriety and simplicity of the chapel.

The imagery in the three stained glass windows depicts the outstanding features of Father Eymard and an "ideal" path leading us from one window to another. The curves gently suggest the strong messages, the pastel and contrasting colours give strength to the symbolism. Placed in the church the faithful are drawn to experience God, not only in an intellectual way, but with their senses.

Saint Peter-Julian Eymard said: "The Eucharist is light; it enlightens every man who places no obstruction to its light. Its light is gentle and penetrating; great and pure, strong and powerful. (...) It penetrates the soul as deeply as the solar rays penetrate a crystal, making it like a fireplace of light." (PG 283,2).

On 3 August 2018, a numerous gathering took part in the joyous inauguration and blessing of the stained-glass windows in the presence of Father Eugênio Barbosa Martins, the Superior General.

MRS BRIGITTE CASSARD





World meeting of Families in Dublin

Our Community here at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Dublin has just completed a week of celebration and hospitality. This was occasioned by the World Meeting of Families which took place in Dublin from 22nd to 25th August, 2018.

The Organisers of the World Meeting of Families here in Ireland issued a request for Host Families to accommodate delegates from other countries who wished to attend. Our Community offered its availability, and a group of Pilgrims from Zimbabwe were welcomed and accommodated here throughout the days of the Meeting. Having them among us brought home to us the concept of the universality of the Church, and an enriched sense of being members of God's family, and brothers and sisters of one another, across international and continental boundaries.



In addition to making the facilities of our home available to these guests, our Chapel was also designated the Spiritual Centre for the Filipino Delegates to the Meeting. Arising from this service, we were privileged to have Mass celebrated here by his Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, Archbishop of Manila. Our Chapel was thronged for this Mass, and Cardinal Tagle and the delegates joined our Community afterwards for refreshments. It was wonderful to have Cardinal Tagle and the other Delegates in our midst for the evening, and our Community was very uplifted by the experience.

The presence of his Holiness Pope Francis here in Dublin during the last two days of the World Meeting of Families has given new heart to the people, who came out in huge numbers to see him at the various venues he visited, and to attend his Mass in the Phoenix Park. Despite the challenges of aggressive atheistic

secularism, the Irish people have remained loyal to their Faith, and have been much affirmed in this by the events surrounding the World Meeting of Families. We are pleased to have been able to play our own part in the celebrations, and have been much enriched by the presence of our guests and visitors.

SSS COMMUNITY OF DUBLIN



Diaconal ordination

On Sunday morning 26/8/2018, at Khiet Tam Church, Thu Duc, on the occasion of anticipated celebration of the Feast of Saint Augustine, Patron of the House of Scholasticate in Vietnam, 8 religious SSS, after years in living and studying in the SSS Congregation now committed themselves to serve God and his people by receiving the imposition of hands by Bishop Michael Hoang Duc Anh in the diaconal consecration.

Early in the morning, a drizzly rain does not make those who involved in this important event worried; it looks like as though the graces of God are pouring down upon each candidate, participants, as well as the Vietnamese Province. Regardless of mild raining, there were a lot of participants arriving, such as SSS religious and priests, friends, benefactors and the deacons' families. The joy and happiness have evidently shown in their face while entering to celebrate sacred mystery.

In his homily, Bishop Michael pointed out two significant elements, one for the community participating, the other for the newly ordained. For the

faithful, he stressed on the vital element of their cohesion to Jesus Christ. The Church is his Mystical Body; therefore, each Christian is responsible to proclaim the Word of God. For the newly ordained, he called to mind that beside serving the altar and the people of God, deacons are invited to evangelize the Word of God not just only by proclaiming, but also by their way of life in the community, especially in the Vietnamese social context.

Through Ordination rites, Deacons represent the deacon Jesus Christ in a sacramental manner, bringing into our world the love of God. They are neither substitutes for a parish priest nor social workers, rather they become pioneers of a new civilization of love, become those who willingly give their gift of self as their Founder who imitated Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

We pray for our newly ordained to have good health and recognise what God gives them so that they can bravely and joyfully go everywhere to preach the joy of Gospel, of partaking in the Supper of the Lamb, and



serve those who are poor. We also pray for them to be deacons as the Church needs, deacons as the words of Most Rev Dr. Anthony Fisher op, said: *“We need deacons who are down-to-earth (humble) men, yet up-to-heaven (spiritual) men, men with their feet on the ground yet aware that their’s is a calling given by God through his Church.”*

MAPHUC, SSS



Eurocamp 2018, “exaggerated love”

You have decided to accept the invitation to participate in the Euro camp Retreat. We ask you to be open, to cherish and ensure that this time for you and for everyone will be an experience of the exaggerated (overflowing) love of our Lord!

The Eurocamp 2018 started with these words and with the delivering of a little piece of paper, on which there was the logo, the slogan, the themes of each day and the picture of a grapevine plant. This year Eurocamp took place in Thy-le-Chateau, Belgium where the Community of the Beatitudes were our gracious hosts.

There weren't many of us, 20 people in total, full of joy desiring to live that week in community with prayer and reflection on the Eucharist, the Sacrament of the “exaggerated love” of Jesus for humanity. Each day, following the usual structure typical of the Eurocamp, we discovered that we are “beloved sons and daughters of the Lord”, called to live His love as gift in our daily lives.

On Thursday, the 2nd of August, feast day of St. Peter Julian Eymard, we, as in previous years, had a whole day's Eucharistic celebration with the introductory rite of the Mass included in the Morning Prayer. After breakfast until early afternoon, the liturgy of the Word was celebrated. and the liturgy of the Eucharist was` concluded before the evening meal. This experience is really popular with the young participants and indeed, with the animators too. Many of the participants, tell us that they are better able to understand the importance and the beauty of the Mass in their lives, thanks to this prolonged, whole day experience.

After the reception of Holy communion and before the final blessing, everyone received a “letter from Father Eymard”, created by Father Manuel Barbiero. We take this opportunity to thank Fr. Barbiero for his fine and willing contribution to our retreat.

On Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th of August, our time was spent thinking about our future, our vocation, the choices we might make, our mission. Through the desert time, silence, the stations of the Cross (the text we used for this was written by a group of young people who accepted this challenge proposed by Pope Francis during this year's Synod for young people), the sacrament of Reconciliation and a “personal declaration of commitment”, every

participant created a little programme of life with a generous response to the exaggerated love of our Lord.

Spending a day in Brussels was nice too. First of all, we visited the Blessed Sacrament community, situated in Rue de Wavre, where we prayed together before the Eucharist and, after having our packed lunches, we walked around the city with Father Maurits Gijbrecht and Father Omer Termote. These moments were very important for us, as we were conscious of being part of the Blessed Sacrament family, the whole fraternity, which comes from Eucharist and the important places connected with the life of Father Eymard's.



During the last day, we enjoyed listening to the testimonies of our young people ;especially those from the sons of Els, their mum who had participated in Eurocamp some years previously and who decided to take on the responsibility of planning the week. Sara, David, Aaron and their friend Kareen shared their joy after spending their week with us. Their enthusiasm gives us optimism for the future of Eurocamp.

I want to be honest: I wanted to end the experience of the Eurocamp after 33 years thinking this kind of experience was not interesting anymore to young adults. However, after listening to these young people and the advice of Jean Luc and Elisabeth, people in charge of the community of Beatitudes, I have decided to continue.

If you would like to find out about the spiritual itinerary of the Eurocamp, let us know: we will share it gladly, hoping that it might be helpful for others/for you in the pastoral with young people.

Extract of the article of
FR. MAURIZIO ZORZI, SSS

My Dear Friend,

You are living a special week: the one of the Eurocamp.

I will take advantage of this occasion to share with you an adventure I lived some years ago.

Throughout my life I always desired to do great things for God. At a certain point I thought It would've been nice to found a community in Jerusalem, inside the Cenacle itself, there where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and instituted the Eucharist.

I didn't think it was going to be so complicated and that it was going to take so long.

I went to Rome to handle the matter and while I was there I decided to make a spiritual retreat, that lasted 65 days.

It was during this retreat that God made me understand what he really wanted from me: the gift of my self.

Sometimes we have the impression of giving God many things, even important ones. God, through the Holy Spirit, made me understand that if we don't give our heart completely to Him we haven't done a thing and we haven't given a thing. He revealed to me another cenacle: the Interior Cenacle.

What is this interior Cenacle?

It means that Jesus has completely taken over my life. I had the impression that he was waiting for me there, in Rome, to tell me that he wanted to live in me, develop his life in me, grow in me, share with me his love for the Father and for all humankind, sharing with me until the end his Paschal Mystery of death and life.

In the moment in which I allowed Jesus Christ to take shape in me, I realized that it wasn't anymore I who lived, but he, Christ who was living in me.

I discovered, in a new and more profound way, that God loves me personally, as I am, with an infinite and eternal love.

I accepted to remain in this love, in all its simplicity, like a child. I made myself available entirely to the Holy Spirit, for him to guide me, for him to shape me. It was the Holy Spirit who lead me make the gift of my self.

I felt as if I had begun a new relationship with Jesus, a union of love and friendship so strong that in this bond my actions became, so to speak, the actions of Christ. The life of Jesus, his thoughts, his feelings, his desires, his way of acting have permeated me and have become my thoughts, my feelings, my desires.

I took the decision then to let him control of my existence, to put myself under his guidance, to live in his Spirit.

In him I find everything. Jesus Christ is my interior master, the guest of my soul and my body, my guide, my model. In a word, the God of my heart. I love him and want to be like him in everything, to experience the same attitude as him, to identify myself with him.

But, my dear friend, pay attention, to live this life of union you must give up everything: heart, mind, understanding, judgment, thought; to work in union with God, to become spiritual, to abide in him as he

abides in us, to live in thanksgiving in order to find joy in him.

This is possible thanks to the Eucharist, which is the very gift of Jesus Christ, a concrete gift, incarnated, a gift of his body and of his blood, an expression of the depth of his love.

Thanks to this gift, which is offered as nourishment, everyone can learn to give and receive.

I simply responded to the "Gift of God" through the gift of myself, with love and thanks for love.

Maybe you will like to know, concretely, what this gift produced in me, in my life.

During the retreat I wrote to a nun - who had provided me with daily bread during the first days of the foundation of the Congregation - that on my return home I would like to give her "a new bread". I saw myself as if I would've become a "new dough, like the Paschal bread" (1Cor 5:7), like another Eucharist, with Jesus, bread broken for the life of the world.

I entrusted myself completely to God, to his will. And when I received the negative answer from Rome regarding the Cenacle at Jerusalem I regarded this as being the design of God and I blessed his holy will.

My relationships with people also changed. How much criticism from some of my religious brethren! But I didn't judge them, I forgave them, I chose silence and patience, gentleness and charity, service and prayer.

Jesus enabled the new man in me to take over, the interior spiritual man, who lives by the strength that comes from love.

My wish for you, dear friend, is that you may be enabled to have the same experience that I had. I pray for you and ask for you the gift of the Holy Spirit.



Letter written by
Fr Manuel Barbiero, sss



67 years of history To depart ... is not to die

After 67 years of presence in the diocese of Treviso, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers are leaving the parishes of Cendon (together with the small church and area of Nerbon) and Sant'Elena, where they arrived in 2001 from Casier, a town that from as long ago as 1951 hosted the religious community and their minor seminary.

The vocational crisis and the unavoidable aging process of the religious have moved the Blessed Sacrament Fathers to take this decision. There are many feelings in the heart and in the mind. These last 67 years of presence in Treviso have been full of life, commitment, formative and pastoral service; full of creating relationships and contacts with so many people, priests, bishops, families, youth and seminarians.

The predominant feeling at this moment is that of gratitude, of "thanksgiving", a deep and sincere emotion that we need to express with all our strength.

Thanks to God

Thanks to God for calling us to this Venetian land, precisely to Casier, to live and witness the spirituality that springs from the Eucharist, Sacrament of the Passover of Jesus who transforms the people of being believers and helps them to become the living Body of Christ in history.

After their arrival to Casier, on 29 March 1951, the first Blessed Sacrament Fathers began immediately to create a seminary by arranging the premises of an ex-orphanage, set up by the Tosi counts from Venice and that was transformed, during the two Wars, into a hospital.



Mgr Mistrorigo with the first 3 priests SSS of the seminary of Casier : Fr. Francesco Crivellari, Fr. Rosario Gozzo, Fr. Antonio Panozzo

From the beginning of life in the seminary and until its closure (at the end of the 20th century), the seminarians who attended it were, in total, 450, of whom 38 became priests and 2 lay brothers. The large area of the minor seminary hosted also, from 1971 to 1989, the Novitiate of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers.

The Fathers' presence in the diocese was not limited only to the pastoral work of vocations and the education of the seminarians, but also involved pastoral work for the service of the Diocese, the parishes and the different groups of Christian spirituality.

Thanks be to God, then, for all the good that was received from this Church of Treviso and for everything that, despite many limitations, were able to be given.

Thanks to the People

We feel a duty, or better, the desire to say THANK YOU, sincerely, to all the people whom we met in these 67 years: bishops, priests, consecrated people, men, women, youth, children... Thank you because we tried to give everything from ourselves to this land and this Church, but we have also received an immensity of gifts from everyone.

We tried to be “present”, without any claims but with the desire of being “servants” of our Lord and of the history made by concrete men and women. We are sorry if, because of our weakness, we were not always able to live up to this ideal fully.

To depart ... is not to die

In this month of September 2018, hence, the presence of us, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, in this Venetian land and in this Diocese comes to an end.

It is always difficult to leave, to depart. It is with regret that we depart from this “sacred land”. But our faith, and particularly the Eucharist, assures us that we are part of Jesus’ Pasch, Jesus who conquered death and opened the way towards Life.

In this spirit we say goodbye to the whole Diocese of Treviso, knowing that the “seeds of life” that, by grace of God, we were able to plant, will sprout according to God’s time. For us it is enough to know that, in his name, we planted in abundance. Now it will be he who will make the seeds grow and will give someone else the task of gathering up the fruits.



We ask everyone of you to remember us in your prayers and to continue to remain in that love, in that spiritual and fraternal union that we call an experience of life in the Body of Christ – namely the Church – that no distance can erase.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FATHERS



Elections of the Chapters

PROVINCE *CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE*

Sri Lanka - 6 September 2018

Superior Provincial	<i>Fr. Dilan FERNANDO</i>
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Fr. Sagara, Fr. Justin, Fr. Dilan, Fr. Marcus, Fr. Jude



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. 1544 - Father Dennis RUANE

Province:	Saint Ann
Community:	Cleveland, U.S.A.
Death:	30 July 2018
Age:	86
Profession:	63
Priesthood:	58



N. 1545 - Father Michael Peter NOREIKA

Province:	Saint Ann
Community:	Cleveland, U.S.A.
Death:	13 August 2018
Age:	84
Profession:	52
Priesthood:	48

