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Most Reverend Martin Boucar TINE, bishop of Kaolack

Following the appointment made by the Holy Father on July 25th 2018, here is the announcement of the episcopal ordination of the Most Rev. Martin Tine in Senegal:



Episcopal Ordination of Monseigneur Martin Boucar TINE Bishop of Kaolack

The Church Family of God present in Kaolack is happy to inform you of the episcopal ordination of his Excellency Most Rev. Martin Boucar TINE, on

Saturday 24th November 2018

at 10 a.m., at the College Pius XII. The mass of installation will take place on Sunday 25th November 2018 at 10 a.m., in the Cathedral of Kaolack.

"He loved them to the end"



Human development in the light of the Eucharist

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Second General Conference of the Latin-American Episcopate celebrated in 1968 that issued in the ecclesial document “Medellin” an Ecclesial Congress was held in the city of Medellin, Colombia, from 23-26 August 2018, titled “Prophecy, communion and participation”.



The Congress was aimed at reflecting on the progress and regress with regard to the lines of action outlined by the Document in the critical way of “seeing, judging and acting” in the perspective of the proposals of the Second Vatican Council regarding the dynamism of the relationship of the Church with the world. This event was described as “the call for a prophetic renewal in the universal Church, specifically in the Latin-American Church, based on the need for conversion in order to live the Gospel as Christians in accord with the baptismal mission”.

Taking into account that the Medellin document focused its attention mainly on the people of the Latin-American continent, the Congress encompassed all aspects concerning the existential reality of these people. Within the fundamental aspects, attention was directed to “poverty” as a theological category in its multiple dimensions, to ensure the essential of true human development.

Human development is an implication of the Eucharist in all its dimensions. One of the aspects of this development refers to the concrete actions that must be expressed in the face of the complex reality of poverty, which was addressed and discussed at length at the Congress. The Eucharist provides us the legacy of the mission of social commitment in solidarity with the poor, which involves actively contributing to the genuine advancement of people in all that concerns their dignity (cf. RL 37).

As an urgent reality, poverty which is still evident in Latin-America, considered as a theological concern, requires a prophetic and liberating commitment, since it permeates all areas throughout the continent - the economic, political, cultural, educational, ethnic, social, injustices etc. All this impairs the integral development of persons as Children of God. Thus, the reception of the Medellin document was not immediate or completely serene, as Cardinal Porras, the Archbishop of Mérida (Venezuela) pointed out.

As SSS religious, we are called to confront these challenges in the light of the Eucharist, an inexhaustible source from which we examine the whole human reality. Thus, human development becomes the focus of our action in favour of the poor, by endeavouring to improve the living conditions of people and drawing up projects that foster the integral development of being human. For this the Congress called for a structural reform of the Church, in which the laity would be encouraged to play a leading role, a Church committed to the poor – “A poor Church for the poor”, as desired by Pope Francis.

It is a matter of urgency to be committed to fostering the path of a prophetic renewal regarding genuine human development in the light of Christ’s Gospel and the eucharistic mission.

BR ELIBIEN JOSEPH, SSS
2ND YEAR SCHOLASTIC



Seeking Candidates for our Eucharistic Way of Life

The Province of the Congregation of Blessed Sacrament in Sri Lanka has entrusted us with the noble task of convincing and recruiting young men who are longing to serve the Church through our Eucharistic Way of Life. The task is quite challenging and demanding at least for two reasons. The young ones today are more attracted towards the materialism and hedonism and it’s very difficult to convince them about God’s Kingdom and its values. Secondly, those young ones who are really motivated tend to join the Diocesan seminaries, where they are recruited while they still attend schools, whereas we encourage them to join us after the schools. Students find it very difficult to wait due to financial and other difficulties. However, we know that those whom we receive into our Congregation are truly motivated and matured.

Towards this end, at present there are about 110 Candidates in Sinhala Vocation Club and 80 in Tamil vocation club, who are aspiring to enter into SSS Way a Life. They are from Grade 7 to Advanced Level. We create regular contact with them through different means of correspondence and conduct vocation camps, which we call "Come and See", to continue to motivate them and feed them with the charism of our Congregation. During the summer school vacation, the Scholastics also join us, visiting the homes of these students and encourage them in their studies and future entry into Seminaries. We also make use of preaching at Church feasts, novenas and other parish renewal programs to speak about our Congregation. We have also been successful in visiting Catholic schools and Sunday schools in parishes, where we introduce our way of life to the youngsters, slowly but steadily.



While we carry out our task with much commitment and dedication, we have also invited each and every religious of our Province to be true promoters of vocations in their respective parishes and institutions. It is also paramount that everyone continues to pray for the vocations, as the Lord of the Harvest may touch the young hearts to respond to His call.



FR. CHAMINDA FERNANDO, SSS
FR. MANGALATHASAN GNANAPRAGASAM, SSS
VOCAION DIRECTORS



News of Brussels Beguinage Viaduc

Four more families joined the Beguinage. The group is very diversified, nationality, ages, marital and social conditions. It is happy and dynamic, in particular for the animation of the children and the choir during the mass. Beautiful surprise, the architect who carried out the Beguinage comes to live there with his family. Full with dynamism, he has a new plan within the framework of his association "Habitat and Humanism": the installation of two hundred caravans, called «Moving Nest», in the city, with a social accompaniment, for the most fragile homeless people.

The history of La Viale started in 1968. We celebrated this 50th anniversary, first in Brussels, then on August the 6th, on the Feast of the Transfiguration, in Lozere-France: a Eucharist with the apostolic administrator of the diocese of Mende, the Socius of the Jesuit Provincial, and many guests, several of them being old acquaintances in the country, a festive meal and a power point presenting the three other places of La Viale in Belgium. It was a joy during these summer months to meet again former friends of La Viale finding the way back to the village after 20,30,40 or 50 years.



Community of Marly

In an hour and twenty minutes the article must leave. No idea of the topic for the SSS publication. An idea springs to mind: this morning's Mass. On Sunday at 10 a.m. we have Mass in our church. On average between 40 and 65 are present. This morning, on 19 August 2018, still has a holiday atmosphere. The "stalwarts" are present.

Last Sunday, at the end of the Mass, a lady, former Protestant who was received into the Catholic Church 4 months ago, asked me for an appointment. An hour of conversation took place about the question: "In Communion do we really receive Christ's Body and Blood? Do we really eat his flesh?" This was the theme of this morning's sermon, which wonderfully was suggested by the readings for the 20th Sunday!

Towards our missions in Africa, for which expenses for the chapel are sometimes shared, we easily request our “parishioners” to contribute. For this there are also other donations. As I had not yet made an appeal on this particular morning for this, I proposed just one thing to the people present: “To help the family who entirely lost everything!” This was because during this week, and for the third time in 25 years, a farm in the territory of one of our parishes had been entirely burnt down and at night 56 cows were trapped in the flames. The response was excellent!

When leaving the church, after greeting the people and talking to some of them, a lady who approached me said: “Father, I don’t know how to thank you. I highly appreciated your sermon. It is very lively here. And as everyone sings, I come here for two months in the summer. During the rest of the year I lead the songs in a parish. The people don’t take part so well. You know, this is an opportunity to make converts. How I would like very much to come every Sunday!”

Here is a text that can be sent to Lommel (provincial office). At our age, in the provinces, we cannot do everything. All of us have the witness of our SSS mission at the heart of our celebrations. A possibility that many no longer have.

FR. ALAIN VOISARD, SSS
SUPERIOR



“In God’s Time”

A History of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament after the Death of Saint Peter Julian Eymard

For several years Father Norman Pelletier SSS has been researching and organizing his materials from various presentations to young SSS religious in formation around the world. He has set himself to the task of recording this information in the form of a book which is in the process of publication. It will be available to SSS religious, Associates and anyone interested in this colorful history of a religious congregation dedicated to the Eucharist. It is appropriate that this book should be available as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of Saint Eymard in 1868.

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament that Saint Peter Julian Eymard founded in Paris in 1856, today includes priests, deacons and brothers, and is focused on the totality of the Eucharistic mystery, for its life and mission. Saint Eymard’s life was a progressive discovery of the importance of the bread of life in a continuous discernment and response to the will of God.

When Saint Peter Julian Eymard died at the age of 57 (1868), he was still in the process of forming this new Congregation. He had not finalized the Constitutions which would define the purpose and regulations for this new Society in the Church. His early death left the task of putting the final touches to the Rule to this nascent group of men dedicated, like himself, to the Eucharist. In this book, *In God’s Time*, Father Pelletier invites us to journey from 1868 until the present day in order to better understand the Congregation’s development during these 150 years.

Although meant for private use within the Congregation, especially for those in formation, all will find it an interesting journey of clarification and development over the 150-year history of the Congregation since the death of the Founder .

Norman B. Pelletier SSS, a former Superior General of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, was also Provincial Superior of the Province of Saint Ann in the USA, and author of the popular life of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, *Tomorrow Will Be Too Late*.

For further information on how you might be able to obtain a copy of this book, write to ssscommunications@blessedsacrament.com or call the provincial offices at (440) 442-6311 Cleveland.

Elections of the Chapters

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