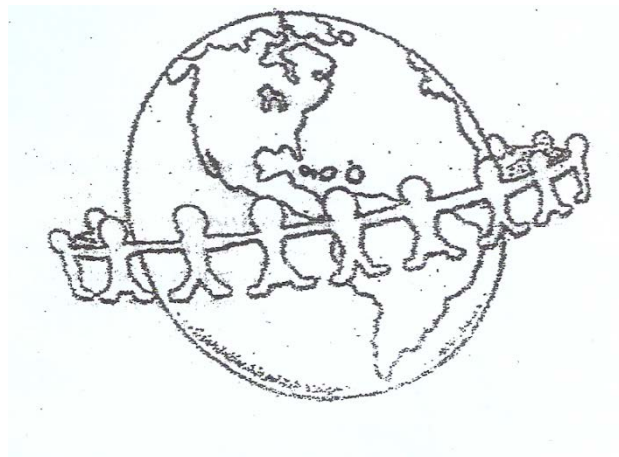


Vinculum

Newsletter of



**The Secular Institute
Servitium Christi**

Christmas 2017

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The Eucharist is the Love of Jesus Christ, sharing the life of man

(St. Peter Julian Eymard – Sermon)

These words of St. Peter Julian Eymard resonate with the words of Isiah: *The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call Him Emmanuel*. Emmanuel – God with us – sharing the life of man. This is what we celebrate at Christmas. *The Word became Flesh. He lived among us and we saw His glory*. (Jn.1:14). In a humble stable, laid in a manger of straw – left over when wheat grain had been extracted - lay Emmanuel, the Bread of Life, in Bethlehem, which means “House of Bread”, the fruit of the wheat. We can truly embrace Christmas as a celebration of Eucharist.

Our call to consecrated secularity in *Servitium Christi* affords us an opportunity to share in the life of Christ, not just by our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist, and receiving Him into the intimacy of our own hearts, but by the opportunity, indeed the obligation, to go out from the celebration into the world into which we have been called, and to enable Jesus Christ to continue to “share in the life of man”. We do this by our very presence, by our gift of self, and by imitating St. Peter Julian’s Vow of Personality, thereby enabling Christ to live and be active through us. We become Eucharist – the love of Jesus Christ sharing the life of man (and woman).

The Christmas Season, the season of peace and goodwill, lifts the spirits and turns our attention to those who are in need and unable to feel the joy of the Season. We reach out to the materially poor, we exchange gifts and greetings, we meet with family and friends. It is truly a blessed time, a fitting celebration of the birth of Christ. We remember also our own Members who may be struggling with life at this time. We remember those who are sad or lonely, those who are struggling with a bereavement, those who are limited by ill-health or old age. Perhaps this year we could take them to our hearts in a special way, and not just remember and pray for them, but contact them by telephone, e-mail, Christmas Card, or even a visit. Our *Servitium Christi* community, though dispersed, is in its own way, a mode of Christ’s Presence, Emmanuel, Eucharist. Let us celebrate it in style in the way that Christ would want us to do.

At this time, we thank God for all the blessings that came our way during the past year. As Fr. Demetrius Dumm OSB has said “ Knowing how to receive and remember goodness is, in fact, the best way to prepare for trusting when goodness seems absent”. So we thank God also for having sustained us through the difficult times of the past year, when we were ill, saddened or challenged.

Many thanks to all of you who have so faithfully lived out your Eucharistic commitment in the past year, and have contributed to the up-building of our *Servitium Christi* Community. A special word of thanks to Maria Angelica, who has worked so hard to keep us in touch with each other through *Vinculum*. Contributions of articles for publication in *Vinculum* are an expression of community fellowship, and I hope that in the year ahead, all Regions and Centres will avail of this opportunity to keep in touch and to live out our community life through this resource.

We approach the year ahead with hope, trust and great joy knowing that the Presence of God which embraces us and which we embrace is a cause for daily celebration. I wish you and all your friends and loved ones, a happy and holy celebration of the Christmas season, and every possible grace and blessing in the New Year 2018.

Love and Prayers,

Mary Keane
General Directress

CEFO :

Commission on the Founder and his Works

This Commission was established by the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament following the publication of the Complete Works of St. Peter Julian Eymard (17 Volumes) and the Website Eymard.org. The aim of the Commission purpose of the Commission is to make better us of the “Complete Works”, and to evaluate the Works of the Founder. “Counsels for Spiritual Life” is an example of the type of “monograph” which the Commission endeavours to compile and make available.

In mid-October, Fr. Eugenio Barbosa-Martins, Superior General invited a representative of Servitium Christi with a working knowledge of French, to join the Commission, newly mandated by the General Chapter of 2017. The first meeting took place in Rome from 6th to 8th November. Chaired by Fr. Fiorenzo Salvi sss (former Superior General) other Members are Fr. Manuel Barbiero sss (Italian, based in La Mure) Fr. Andre Guitton (Paris) Fr. Martin Tine (General Consultor) Fr. Vergel Dalangin (Novice Master, The Philippines, and formerly of La Mure) and Fr. Thadee (from Senegal, based in Brussels) and of course, Fr. Eugenio Barbosa-Martins sss. The inclusion of Servitium Christi (and of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament who were unable to attend this meeting) indicates Fr. Eugenio’s deeply held concept of inclusion and unity within Fr. Eymard’s Charismatic Family, as indicated in his address to the General Chapter (text already circulated). At a personal level, it was a great privilege to sit around a conference table with the recognised specialists in Fr. Eymard’s works, and to participate in their deliberations.

Since its inception the Commission has had to surmount many challenges. The principal challenge is that of translation of the Complete Works to languages other than French, but especially to English, as that is a special need with the SSS Congregation. Fr. Conrad Goulet (Philippines) has translated nine volumes, and his work continues. Let us pray for his perseverance and success.

The publication of “Counsels for Spiritual Life” was the Commission’s endeavour to make some of the writings available to non-French speakers. Other similar projects are being developed. The Commission is challenged by the need to present excerpts of Fr. Eymard’s writings which resonate with the teaching of Vatican II and the development of doctrine and devotion since that Council. This challenge became very clear during the meeting when discussing possible projects and appropriate texts.

Another challenge faced by the Commission is the sheer volume of the “works”. Experience has shown that studies are feasible only by taking one section of the “works” at a time. It can be seen therefore, that the Commission’s task is an enormous one. As the novice member, my contribution at this stage is to learn, but I hope to be able to assist with some translations.

Apart from its own work on “The Works”, the Commission also encourages higher study on Fr. Eymard’s works, and is in a position to suggest themes to interested persons. Another task is preparation of a programme of celebration of the 150th anniversary in 2018, of the death of Fr. Eymard. It is hoped to make available some informational and inspirational material held in the SSS Congregation archives.

Our three days of intensive meetings, conducted in French, were enlightening, and up-lifting. Surrounded by spiritual family, I felt completely immersed in the writings, thoughts, and life of Fr. Eymard, and constantly aware of what a gift it is to each of us that God has called us to be Members of Fr. Eymard’s Eucharistic family. Deo Gratias!

Mary Keane
General Directress.

News from Rome!

It is with great joy that I can report to you that The General Council of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament has agreed to my request to appoint Fr. Martin Boukar-Tine as Ecclesiastical Assistant to Servitium Christi, replacing Fr. Sebastian (“Bong”) Luistro, who has returned to the Philippines.

Fr. Martin attended our Amplified General Council Meeting in May 2016, representing Fr. Bong, who was unable to travel due to visa issues. He participated whole-heartedly, in both positive developments, and also in the more difficult situations. A great trust was built up between us, and with Fr. Bong’s return to his homeland, Fr. Martin was an obvious choice as his replacement. I am aware however, that he had already been allocated a very heavy workload as General Council Member, and I am deeply grateful to him for his willingness to accept this assignment in addition to all of that. I am also grateful to Fr. Eugenio, the Superior General, for approving the appointment. I pray that Fr. Martin’s time as our Ecclesiastical Assistant will be both happy and fruitful, for him and for us.

In welcoming the appointment of Fr. Martin, I also wish to express my deep appreciation of and gratitude for the gift that Fr. Bong has been to us during his tenure as Ecclesiastical Assistant. This however, came as no surprise, as Fr. Bong has always been a good friend to Servitium Christi, and played a significant role in the establishment of Servitium Christi in the Philippines. It has been a pleasure to work with him, and I hope that our good relationship will continue now that he has returned to his beloved homeland. Our loss is the Philippines gain, and I wish him every blessing as he now applies himself to solidifying the Eucharistic Family of Fr. Eymard in the Philippines.

Mary Keane
General Directress

3-DAY ACSI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING & GATHERING OF SIS IN VIETNAM

The meeting in Vietnam last September 12-15, 2017 was very enriching for all of us who attended. Fr. Thomas Trung SJ and his team arranged the whole program smoothly, effectively and efficiently, indeed very well organized! Fr. Thomas SJ is the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Consecrated Life (Catholic Bishops' Conference, Vnm). Sixteen SIs (out of the 27 identified Vnm SIs) attended with 125 participants. Marianne Kim, Ana Tuyet and Nga represented our Institute. There were also presentations from the 16 SIs on Formation. Marianne Kim was the 4th presenter. From the different formation presentations, we learned what are common among us and learn from those new ones that are being done and introduced by other SIs. These inputs shall be collated by ACSI Secretary for future reference and discussions.

Since almost all of the attendees do not speak and understand English, Fr. Thomas sj patiently translated all our inputs (English to Vnmese and vice versa). He is very supportive to the SIs in Vnm as well as to us Executive Board members and made the flow of Gathering very smoothly for all of us.

The accommodation at the Pastoral Center was also superb. We, the ExeBoard members, were billeted in rooms that are being occupied by Bishops during their Conferences, very comfortable and have amenities of an hotel accommodation. The Auditorium being used as Gathering Venue is likewise world-class, also being used by the Bishops during their Conferences. Praise the Lord! And thanks to Fr. Thomas sj!

As part of the 3-day Gathering, every evening after the sessions, an Institute hosted the Mass as well as the sumptuous meals in their Community for the Exeboard members. These were bonding moments with other Asian SIs and of camaraderie and fellowship with their members. It was such a beautiful and wonderful experience. It is as if we have found and met long lost friends. Because we live the same way of life, we can feel that we belong to a wider family of Secular Institutes.

The last morning of the Gathering, we were invited to attend the 50th Foundation Anniversary of the Secular Institute of Servant of God (Directress Teresa is one who met me at the airport and generously accommodated in their Convent upon my arrival). That was some big event, with most of the participants from Gathering also present in the Eucharistic celebration as well as in the delicious hearty lunch. Marianne Kim, Nga and Tuyet were also there. So many moments for us to bond together... Praise the Lord!

In the afternoon, the representatives of 16 SIs chose/elected their Leaders and the National Secular Institutes of Vietnam is formally organized. The elected President is Teresa of the Secular Institute of Servant of God.

Over-all, I thank God for this opportunity to be part of ACSI Executive Board and for giving me the opportunity to represent our Institute, Servitium Christi, in this Gathering. Thank you too for all your prayers and support. This is all for God's Greater Glory and for my love for our beloved Institute.

Sharing some pictures...



With Marianne Kim before the session starts



Four Executive Board Members with Ana Tuyet and Nga.

Maria Concepcion de Castro Gonzales
Servitium Christi- Davao Center

HCM & DONG NAI CENTERS JOINT FORMATION ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

On Saturday, September 16 after breakfast, Ana Tuyet, Anne Terese Nga and Agnes Nghia fetched me from the Pastoral Center and brought me to HCM Center at Kiet Tham. Here I had some time to rest and re-coup my energy which was very much depleted by the hectic schedule of the Gathering. Praise God for this moment and for the welcoming aura of Ana Tuyet, Anne Therese Nga and Agnes Nghia. From time to time, Nga visits us, as she is also busy with her school. Tuyet has improved on her English, unlike before when she cannot understand my English. The internet has helped her a lot. Nghia is a lot better,

we understand each other... The three of us had our Evening Prayers together for two nights...

The next day, after an early morning Mass and breakfast, we went to Dong Nai Center. We were warmly met by Teresa Lo An and Dong Nai Center members. They gave me some time, before the Blessed Sacrament Fathers came, to share on the 3-day Gathering. Marianne Kim translated for me. There were two Blessed Sacrament priests who gave formation sessions. Fr Peter, sss who gave a talk on SPJE, based on a book by Fr. Erasto Fernandez sss. Fr. Joseph sss gave inputs on the Eucharist. The inputs were all in Vietnamese so I did not understand anything. Later, Marianne Kim just translated some parts of the talks.

After the two talks, more bonding moments with the Dong Nai & HCM Centers' members as I entertain some of their questions... then some picture taking and exchanges of gifts... (I brought some gifts from the Phils. and Teresa and the members also gave gifts which I shared to Philippines' members).

We then proceeded to one of Dong Nai Center member's place who invited all of us for lunch, it's her Father's death anniversary. In here, I experienced again what it is to belong to a loving family or community. Dong Nai Center's number of members are flourishing with young, not so young and older ones. They are a happy group. During that joint meeting, not all members of both Centers were there. I think for reasons of health and distance from the Center. But one member from Da Lat was there, Kim Anh Nguyen. Her place is some 8 hrs travel by bus from Dong Nai. She invites us to her place. According to her, its just 45 mins by plane. Its in the highlands and has temperate climate. So inviting, so different from the hot temperature in HCM which is very similar to our temperature here in the Philippines.

I suggested to our members especially to Ana Tuyet, Agnes Ngiah, Marianne Kim and Teresa Loan to give some time for studying English. They can learn through the internet-tutorial English. It would be very advantageous on their part if they learn this other language.

I am so thankful to be given this opportunity to bond with our Vietnamese members as well as to members of other SIs in Vietnam. It was so heart warming that despite language barriers, we all try our very best to understand each other, thru warm gestures and welcoming friendly attitudes. I hope in the near future, they will be conversant with English, similar with the members of other SIs I met there.



With HCM & Dong Nai Centers' members

Maria Concepcion de Castro Gonzales
Servitium Christi-Davao Center,

A ONCE-IN-A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!

On my trip back to Manila, we were supposed to board at 0920 pm but the flight was delayed because the aircraft from Manila has not arrived- delayed due to typhoon. Finally after an hour, we were told to board. After an hour of flying, the Pilot announced that we are to fly back to HCM due to *emergency reasons* as relayed from Manila. In my mind, I know the reason for the delay was the typhoon in Manila (I saw this in Facebook weather update, before I left HCM Center). All the time, I've been praying for our safety, guidance for our pilot and our aircraft. After staying for some time inside the plane at HCM airport, we were told to deplane and were to wait at the pre-departure area as re-fueling of aircraft takes place. Some passengers were already agitated and started complaining. The airline did not offer food despite the long wait. But Praise God, there were shops in the pre-departure area where we can buy biscuits and water. Deep in my heart, I know that our loving God has reasons for the delayed flight. Finally, after so many hours of waiting with the Lord, (hours of prayer and reflections for me) we were told to board the aircraft at 0400 am. An hour before we reached Manila, the Pilot announced that we shall be encountering turbulence, and *what a turbulence!* This is where the once-in-a-lifetime experience of one hour air pocket turbulence took place. That was the *longest one hour of my life...* It was really a rough flight, with the plane dipping suddenly and unexpectedly and swaying in different directions... it is as if I am riding a big bus passing through big potholes in the road. "Whew!" There were different reactions from the passengers of a full-packed plane. Initially, I got affected by these reactions, but praying and entrusting *all* to our loving Triune God, I felt the much needed peace, knowing that He is with us all the time! Even my initial worry of a vertigo attack did not enter my mind. So thankful and all praises to our loving God, when I finally saw the runway as we were descending and the aircraft touched down. It was raining so hard and we passed through thick dark clouds, reason for such turbulence! Everyone were clapping our hands... so thankful for the safe arrival, for guidance to our pilots, who were instruments of His Grace for us and to the aircraft itself! To God be the Glory! Praise the Lord! Our God is an awesome, wonderful and loving God! Thank you so much to all of you, for being my prayer partners! Indeed God was not in the wind, not in the typhoon, not in the turbulence but in the stillness of our hearts, we hear "a still small voice" and we recognize the presence of our loving God! May we have the Grace to always recognize His loving Presence in the people we encounter, in the ordinariness of events in our lives and in His wonderful creation.

Maria Concepcion de Castro Gonzales
Servitium Christi- Davao Center
Philippines

A VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

This trip was devised in the year 2016, during the visit of our General Directress, Mary Keane, to the Region of Chile. That same year, Fr. Rafael Caceres sss was transferred to Buenos Aires. Fr. Caceres sss was the spiritual advisor of the Center of Santiago and was quite familiar to all the members of the Region, as it had given us the annual spiritual retreats several times.

Fr. Rafael, now a Parish Priest and the Superior of the Basilica of the Blessed Sacrament in Buenos Aires, invited us to participate in the Eymard Week ending with the feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard. Thus, fully trusting in the Lord, in His mercy and kindness, Filomena and I departed from Temuco on July 29 and returned on August 3.

We could note that the community of the Basilica is very Eucharistic and that it supports the sss priests in all activities.

In these days, we made our Institute be known and had the opportunity to speak with some people, men and women, who were interested in being part of it.

We found two people who met some of the requirements for entry. One of them is Bolivian, a single mother, and the other is Argentinean, a single person. Fr. Rafael committed himself to support these people and to look for other candidates. In September, he sent us photos of four other possible candidates.

Please keep them in your prayers. Let us continue trusting in Our Father God so that His plan may come true. May our Mother of the Blessed Sacrament and Saint Peter Julian Eymard help us.

Finally, I wish to thank Mary Keane G.D. for her support and trust, and also to thank Maria Angelica Nuñez as a RC and GC Member , who made all the arrangements for the trip, and to Filomena, for her immediate acceptance to accompany me.

May the Lord bless all the people close to us with their prayers during the trip.

Maria Valdebenito P.
R.D. Chile

IN MEMORIAM

MARIA DE MATOS BRAGA



She was a Member of the Center of Belo Horizonte (Brazil). She was born on July 12, 1937. She made her final vows on July 16, 1992. She passed away on July 24, 2017

She lived her consecrated vocation in all the places where she was, mainly in her community, where she was an Extraordinary Communion Minister.

Many times, during the Eucharist in our annual retreats, she served as an acolyte, helping the priest. And for many years, once a month, with the authorization of her Parish Priest, she would take Eucharistic Jesus to visit a family in her community, and together with this family, she would stay all day in adoration.

She used to address each of us with great affection and when we would visit her, she would be very happy.

She felt fulfilled as a consecrated person and now she is resting in the arms of the One she loved so much.

DIRCE MIZIARA

She was a member of the Center of Belo Horizonte. She was born on March 29, 1938. She made her final vows on August 18, 2010. She was called by the Lord on July 25.

Even though this was a late vocation, by making a retrospective of her life, we can perceive that she was in the Eymardian Family for a long time. She gave classes to a large part of the Sacramentine vocations in the College of Uberaba, her city. Perhaps her many tasks prevented her from identifying her vocation earlier.

Truly, she felt a great love for the Eucharist, for Adoration and she spoke to Sacramentine priests and religious with great affection

She believed that she would not be able to make her Perpetual Vows, due to her health problems and her age. For that reason, she showed great joy when she made her Perpetual Vows, at the age of 72 .

May all of them intercede for us,

Sonia Maria de Oliveira
Regional Directress, Brazil

ANGELITA GALANG.



She was born on March 15, 1959. She made her final vows on March 23, 2013.

Our Lord called her to eternal rest the day when the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

JOOP VAN DER WERF.



She was born on November 17, 1931 and she was called by the Lord on November 17, 2017

She made her final vows on January 06, 1974.

We accompany the members of the Centers of Belo Horizonte (Brazil), Manila (Philippines) and the Region of Netherland.

¡They live now in the presence of God!

MEMORIES OF ANGIE

Times passed by so fast.

Angelita Cenzone Galang had her devotional commitment on July 17, 2004, together with Eulogia Igna who went home to the Lord ahead of us last February 22, 2012 at the age of 89. Maria Tessie Q. Moreno and Angelita were the one who attended her funeral in her province in Cabanatuan. It was after 5 years when Angie died also last September 14, 2017 at the age of 58.

It was a sudden death because we never know that she had a lung cancer. All we know is that she was diagnosed of goiter and that was the time she felt weak and decided to take a leave on her work last June-July 2017. It was also month of July when she took her vacation in the place of her brother Benedict in Nueva Ecija. Before that, she still attended our graduation in Crash Course in Theology at University of Santo Tomas with the topic of eschatology last June 25, 2017. It was so timing that our course was all about end times, about heaven, hell and purgatory and the last judgment. After our graduation, me and Angie went to a mall to buy some stuffs she will be needed for her vacation. On the next day, June 26, 2017, we went to Cavite to visit Rosie and for our meeting. Angie was so tired that time and just decided to rest and sleep while all of us were busy sharing each other's stories. We let her take her sleep.

She spent a 2-week-vacation in Manila and another 2 weeks in the province. When she came back July 28, 2017, she was rushed to the hospital because of difficulty in breathing. She spent 3 days in the hospital and while there, she was anointed by Fr. Mandy Tipones, SSS with the help of Tess Moreno. When she was discharged, she stayed home and took alternative medication.

Last August 10, 2017 I got a call from her and told me to go to their house. So I went on and she gave me instructions. She asked me to let Fatima inform Mary that she can no longer get Mary's emails and instead send it to Fatima, to inform her two Monsignor best friends regarding her worst and real condition and most, to pray for her. She gave me her Servitium Christi candle to take it home and bring it to her at the time of her death because according to her doctor, she can only stay for just one month and true enough, she passed away last September 10, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. That day, Connie Gonzales, Tess Moreno and Lourdes Passee were about to visit her in her house but while on their way, she passed away already.

According to her brother, on time of her death (it was feast of exaltation of the cross) a priest arrived and offered a mass to her before she brought to the funeral parlor. On September 15, 2017 at 11:00 A.M., Fr. Mike Garcia, our spiritual assistant with the Servitium Christi celebrated mass on her 1st day of wake at Dulce Funeral Chapel. On the next day, September 16, 2017, two masses offered to her at 8:00 P.M. celebrated by Fr. Bong Luistro, Fr. Roel De la Cruz and other SSS priests and brothers.

On September 17, 2017 at 8:00 P.M., a mass was celebrated by her best friend Monsignor Bong Lo. She was cremated on September 18, 2017 at the Chaplain of Megamall here in Manila.

Her urn stayed for three days at their home and on September 21, 2016 the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament offered prayers for her urn at their home. After, her urn was brought to Loyola Memorial Park beside her dad.

God is so good that He did not let Angie suffered too long. It was indeed one month of suffering after she diagnosed of stage four lung cancer. She suffered pain all over her body and her mom never leave her and always stayed by her side, attending to all her needs and even her brother who also stayed home for her. Her another brother Cezar, who is working abroad, went home also to took care of her until she died. They were a happy family, close to each other and loving each other so much.

I have so many happy memories with Angie. She's my best friend. She was the Godmother of my niece Arianne in confirmation. We will never forget her. She's a family to us.

Angie was born on March 15, 1959; Devotional Commitment on July 17, 2004; First vows on March 24, 2007; and Perpetual vows on March 23, 2013. She was ten years professed in the Secular Institute Servitium Christi.

She was the eldest of three siblings. Her mother is 82 years old and her father died three years ago.

Angie, you are a good friend and sister to us. You live the life of a Servitium Christi very well. May you rest in peace and we will continue praying for you.

Thank you so much to all who offered prayer for Angie, especially to GD, Mary Keane and the Servitium Christi in Davao and other countries.

Gene Moratalla.

Servitium Christi

Manila, Philippines.

NEWS

CHILE.

POPE FRANCIS TO VISIT

With the motto "My peace I welcome Pope Francis, who 2018.

He will be in the cities of Santiago, Temuco and Iquique, and the members are willing to participate in his meetings.



CHILE

give you", Chile is preparing to will visit us from January 15 to 18,

This will be the second visit of a Holy Father to this country, which was previously visited by St. John Paul II, in April 1987. This time, the country will be at a very particular moment because there will be a new elected President of the country while the term of the current President of Chile will be ending.

The motto chosen by the Episcopal Conference of Chile is the Word of Jesus, taken from the Gospel of Saint John (14:27). At the time he was celebrating the Last Supper with his disciples, he says to them: "My peace I give you." He gives peace to his disciples so that the apostles - as it happened -, with the power of the Holy Spirit, would go out into the world to announce the Risen Christ, the good news that gives meaning to our life, in the experience of fraternal love.

"In recent times in Chile, there has been a clear trust decline, both towards political and public institutions as well as to private companies, and social/religious organizations. The Pope will bring to us as a gift, namely the word of Christ, which is a source of peace for our life and our coexistence. He will bring it to us, he will offer it to us and he will leave it to us. We hope that it will allow us to find instances of communion to continue building the homeland we all yearn for".

ST. CLARE REGION.

We have decided after much thought and Prayer, to split our St. Clare Region into two centers, thus Ireland and England. It was a big decision and we were rather sad as we had been together for so long, but decided as we growing albeit slowly. So now we meet together in January in Dublin and May in England which are our Profession dates, up to now this is working well. We in England have started to have some day meetings, in addition to our normal weekends. This seems to be working well also.

There is a new Member beginning her Formation in January so we are looking forward to that so we shall still be together at the most important times in our Region, hope this is O.K.

Love and Prayers
Chris.
St. Clare Region

Dates to Remember 2018

Profession

30 Years Professed :

31 May	Eliete de Souza	(Brazil)
16 July	Maria Luiza da Silva	(Brazil)

40 Years Professed :

08 December	Julia Inés Jara	(Chile)
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Birthdays

90 Years

21 August	Maria Winten	(Belgium)
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80 Years

26 June	Myriam Kienzler	(Germany)
22 September	Christine Peine	(Germany)
30 September	Erinea Manduca	(Brazil)

70 Years

21 April	Gumerinda Pinilla	(Chile)
24 April	Aniizia Gomes	(Brazil)
06 August	Helena Dias	(Brazil)
30 October	Marianne Vu Thi Kim	(Vietnam)

60 Years :

25 march	Anna Ng Thi My Lan	(Vietnam)
07 May	Sonia Maria Oliveira	(Brazil)
08 December	Maria Concepcion de Castro Gonzales	(Filipinas)

50 Years :

04 April	Maria Vu Thi Lap	(Vietnam)
25 April	Lucia Tran Kim Tham	(Vietnam)

CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU.....

Many thanks to all who have contributed to Vinculum over the past year, whether by submitting material for inclusion, by helping with translation, or by helping with distribution. You have helped to sustain us as a fraternal and eucharistic community.

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