



Seriously engaged in becoming holy **Father General's letter for February 17, 2013**

Blessings on this day of thanksgiving for the grace of our vocation! As I visit Oblates around the world I see how close we are to the poor, how our lives are marked by simplicity and approachability. I am convinced of the necessity of our charism in the life of the Church. We bring people close to the Church, to the Body of Christ, and in our closeness to the poor we receive Christ too. I would like to remember in a special way two anniversaries we celebrate this year. In March of 1813, young Father de Mazenod gave his famous homily on the dignity of the poor at the Church of La Madeleine. Is this anniversary not an invitation for us to renew our commitment to the poor, to the ministry of preaching, to the study of the Word, to speak the language of the people we serve and to commit ourselves to the ministry of justice together with the poor? We will also commemorate two hundred years since Eugene de Mazenod began the Association of Christian Youth in April 1813. We renew our efforts for missionary action with and for youth. (I invite you to read our review, *Oblatio* I-2012/3 on our commitment to Youth Ministry).

It is about midway between General Chapters and we are getting ready for the Interchapter in Thailand in April. There, Provincials, Major Superiors and the Central Government will gather "to evaluate the extent to which decisions taken in Chapter have been carried out, to encourage further implementation of such decisions, and to provide for the remote preparation of the next Chapter" (R.128 e), which will coincide with the 200th anniversary of our foundation. The Interchapter keeps before our minds and hearts the commitment to a profound personal and communal conversion to Jesus Christ.

The Interchapter cannot be seen in isolation from last October's Synod on the New Evangelization and the Year of Faith which we are now living. The recent Synod called for conversion in the life of those who evangelize: "*Personal renewal will give*

greater incisiveness to our presence in the world, where we live-out the hope and salvation given us by Jesus Christ" (#17 *Lineamenta*, Synod 2012). New techniques of themselves will not draw others to the Good News, but our own lives, transformed by our encounter with Jesus Christ, will be the convincing witness of the Gospel. The Year of Faith, in the same vein, "*... is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world. In the mystery of his death and resurrection, God has revealed in its fullness the Love that saves and calls us to conversion of life through the forgiveness of sins"* (#6 *Porta Fidei*).

The members of the 2010 General Chapter outlined five areas of Oblate life which call for profound personal and communal conversion: community, formation, mission, leadership and finances. This outline is only the introduction to a deep reflection on how we might respond to the Spirit's call to conversion. There is so much more involved in the Chapter's call to us and this is echoed in the challenges given us by the Year of Faith and the Synod on New Evangelization. I cite here a short excerpt from a presentation to the Union of Superiors General by the Superior General of the Comboni Missionaries:

"I think that one of the primary issues stemming from the need to enter a process of new evangelization firstly concerns the person of the missionary, the evangelizer. ... We, missionaries, feel that we are called to check the quality of our lives, especially regarding consistency between what we announce and what we live.

"The requirements of the new evangelization press us to seriously examine our consciences to understand the extent to which we commit ourselves with all our hearts to serving the poorest people and the abandoned, to becoming one with the marginalized of our time, in

order to defend their cause, and to live the solidarity and commitment that are born from the Gospel.

“The new evangelization must begin by shaping new evangelizers... The missionary who accepts to consecrate his/her life to evangelization is called to live in a conversion process... In this sense, the new evangelization leads the missionary to the awareness of the sanctifying dimension of his/her ministry, reminding him/her that the only purpose of one’s ministry is to elicit the profoundest desire for God: that all human beings become saints, just like Him.”
Fr. Enrique Sánchez G. MCCJ

As we celebrate the anniversary of the approval of our Constitutions and Rules we recall Saint Eugene’s desire to form “...a Society in order to work more effectively for the salvation of souls and for their own sanctification” (**Preface**, 1825). The Oblates were to be seriously engaged in becoming holy and this was directly related to their effectiveness as missionaries. This is true also today. If we are to be available and courageous to take on the most difficult of missions “facing the challenges of today from our diverse contexts, including globalization, secularization, inculturation and information technology”; if we are to go beyond “just doing by inertia what we are used to”; if we are “to participate in crossing borders and being inter-cultural”; if we are to live and work together “within apostolic communities”; we need to be spiritually fully alive and to take seriously the call to be saints. Conversion will lead us to holiness; to a creative and audacious spirit that leaves nothing undared; and to the deepest sense of our oblation. Conversion will prepare us to place our lives on the line for any mission. (The words in quotes are

from the 2010 Chapter document, **CONVERSION**, p. 24, English version).

The Founder wrote in 1825 in the **Preface**: “But it is not enough for them simply to be convinced of the sublime nature of the ministry to which they have been called. The example of the saints and reason itself make it amply clear that the success of such a holy undertaking as well as the maintenance of discipline in any society make certain rules of life absolutely necessary for unity of thought and action among the members. Such unity is a body’s strength, keeping up its fervor and insuring that it lasts.” For Saint Eugene, the faithful living of our rules of life ensured our success in mission, helped us become saints and would give our apostolic body unity, strength and fervor.

In the days around February 17th, a day of great grace for us, I invite you to read prayerfully the Preface and numbers 1 to 44 of the Constitutions and Rules to which we publically committed ourselves. Allow the Constitutions to question you, to call you to change and to deepen and enliven your Oblate life with fresh zeal. I believe the Spirit is urging us to do so, offering us a time of grace and renewal, so that we change and embrace fully our Oblate way of life with passion.

I ask Mary Immaculate and Saint Eugene to pray for “*the success of such a holy undertaking.*”

Happy Feast Day!

Father Louis Lougen, OMI
February 17, 2013

General Administration

AIX-EN-PROVENCE

The new community: present and future

Since the month of October, we are in the “cradle” of the Congregation to begin a new adventure, having responded to an appeal from Father General, an appeal which we regarded as coming from God. Each of us responded after prayer, reflection and discernment. And now we are together!

According to the project formulated by the General Administration, the community should be made up of five members. Right now, there are three of us: Benoît DOSQUET, Jo BOIS et Saverio ZAMPA. Joe LABELLE from the United States Province will join us on January 16. The fifth person is yet to be named.

One of the most important innovations is that we are all members of the *International Eugene de Mazenod Center*. A few weeks ago, we worked on a draft of the Community Statutes which the General Administration sent us and which clarifies the new community configuration: “... to keep active and flourishing the special nature and specifically international mission of this community for the entire Congregation, the Community has transferred, with the consent of the Provincial Council of France, to the direct jurisdiction of the Superior General (*Decree of the Superior General of 1 October 2012*).”

Our mission? To provide the space and the resources for a rich experience of the Founder and his charism. At the heart of our community there will be retreats, conferences, sessions and other means yet to be

discovered to spread the Oblate charism. But we are also a welcoming center for Oblates, laity (youth and adults) and our religious partners (men and women) who wish to deepen the charism.

The work of remodeling the house began in January 2012. The south side of the building (overlooking the car park) has been completely renovated. Now work is going on in the northern part of the building (overlooking the Cours Mirabeau), part of which is reserved for the community. Work has also begun on the installation of a new elevator. The major work of the entire project should be completed by the end of January. Unless there are unforeseen problems, the workers should leave the site by the end of February 2013. It will remain the task of the local community, with the help of the Mazenodian family, to set up the remaining rooms. The official inauguration could take place in May 2013. In the months and years to come, there remains to be done the refurbishing of the symbolic places in the house, the interior chapel, the Foundation Room, the Church of the Mission (new pews), and the Founder's room.

Beginning at Easter and throughout the summer, many groups have been booked. As for the Oblates, here is a definite project and a proposal under consideration that we want to begin in the coming year.

In the year 2013, there will be a **session of the De Mazenod Experience** in English, from September 6 until November 8. Our proposal is the following:

- A two-month long session, with the possibility of an extra week for those who desire it (especially for those who come from other continents).
- Two experts, Fathers Fabio CIARDI and Frank SANTUCCI, will help us prepare the program and, according to their schedules, will make themselves available for the session.
- Midway through the session, a retreat of 15/20 days (in the Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque).
- There should be between 12 and 16 Oblate participants from different continents.

If you are aware of one or the other Oblate for this experience or if Oblates from your Province/Unit are interested in participating in the session, **let us know** and then, we can be in contact with the designated Oblate and send him directly the most important information.

Finally, we would like to get your opinion on a proposal which came out of various discussions between the General Administration and us. What do

you think of a “short” session (15 days) for Oblates in your Province/Unit, who could be Facilitators of the Triennium of preparation for the Jubilee of the Congregation in 2016? A session that would focus on the theme of the year (formation - community - mission; cf. the outline proposed by the General Administration) and could help prepare useful materials for the animation of Provinces/Units. (P. Saverio Zampa: saverio.zampa@gmail.com)

GENERAL HOUSE

Change in mailing address

Father Roberto SARTOR, Superior of the General House, has advised that the Postal Box 9061 (C.P. 9061) Roma-Aurelio has been discontinued.

All mail should be sent to the following address:

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Via Aurelia 290
I 00165 Roma
Italy

OBLATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Oblatio: third edition

Two hundred years ago, St. Eugene started one of his most innovative pastoral initiatives: the Youth Association of Aix. This anniversary is an opportunity for the magazine, *Oblatio*, to reflect on how, today, youth ministry is carried out in the Congregation. With its No. 3, the magazine concludes its first year of life: 460 pages with a 236 page supplement to go deeply into Oblate life and mission.

Oblatio continues the tradition of study and research of “*Vie Oblate Life*” (completed in 2011) and “*OMI Documentation*” (which finished publishing in January 2011). It pulls together the traditional emphasis on history by “*Vie Oblate Life*” and attention to the present, typical of “*OMI Documentation*.” In this latest issue, for example, there is reflection on youth ministry (Luis ROIS ALONSO, Wilhelm STECKLING ...) and current experiences (Philippines, Germany, France, Paraguay...) blended well together.

Each issue, although a monograph, includes a wide variety of articles. In the latest issue, in addition to youth ministry, one can read, for example, a study of the psychological wounds of St. Eugene and one on the presence on the Oblates at the Second Vatican Council, together with an historical study of Fr. Yvon BEAUDOIN.

Five hundred copies are sent to the Oblates. They are mailed directly to the provincials at their request; they then distribute the editions to the various communities. Some Units receive many copies; others, only one, which therefore is not shared with other Oblates of the province. For everyone, there is still the possibility to access the website where, together with the editorial, published in three

languages (English, French, Spanish), one can read summaries of the various articles. One year after the printed publication, it will be possible to have full access to each of the editions.

The site, www.omioblato.org, is at its beginnings; it can become an important place of encounter, exchange of ideas and discussion among all the Oblates (Fabio CIARDI)

GENERAL STATISTICS – 25 January 2013

JANUARY 2013						JANUARY 2012						
Total	Fr.	B1	B2	PD	Schol.		Total	Fr.	B1	B2	PD	Schol.
38	34	4	0	0	0	General Admin.	38	35	3	0	0	0
856	531	61	5	0	259	Africa-Madagascar	859	519	58	6	0	276
471	336	28	2	0	105	Latin America	472	334	29	2	0	107
763	553	26	2	0	182	Asia-Oceania	749	521	24	9	0	195
802	674	114	0	2	12	Canada-USA	855	712	124	0	2	17
1060	868	119	0	4	69	Europe	1120	904	122	0	4	90
3990	*2996	352	9	6	627	Total	4093	3025	360	17	6	685

*Of whom 43 are bishops and 3 are priests in temporal vows

In the above table, each Oblate is counted in the **Region** to which he belongs. For example, the Oblates in Zambia are counted only in Africa-Madagascar, although they are members of the United States Province. The scholastics in Rome are listed in their home Region. "B1." indicates perpetually professed Brothers, and "B2" the Brothers who are still in first formation. PD refers to an Oblate Brother who is a permanent deacon.

SUMMARY

MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE	January 2012	January 2013	+ / -
Cardinal	1	1	
Archbishops	10	11	+1
Bishops	31	31	
Prefects Apostolic	0	0	
Priests	2981	2951	-30
Priests with temporary vows	2	3	+1
Brothers with perpetual vows	360	352	-8
Brothers who are permanent deacons	6	6	
Brothers with temporary vows	17	9	-8
Scholastics with perpetual vows	113	139	+26
Scholastics with temporary vows	572	488	-84
Total number of Oblates	4093	3990	-103

PERSONNEL BY UNIT

(as of 25 January 2013)

The next table shows the number of Oblates according to the Unit to which they belong. For example, all the Oblates attached to the Zambia Delegation are listed there, even though they are juridically members of the United States Province, or may be temporarily living elsewhere. Some of the Zambian scholastics are in Cedara, others in the U.S. etc.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	Card.	Ar.	Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
	0	0	0	0	0	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	38
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	34	4	0	0	0	0	0	38

AFRICA-MADAGASCAR

	Card.	Ar.	Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
Angola	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Botswana	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cameroun	0	0	4	0	0	63	13	1	0	5	40	0	126
Central S. A.	0	0	2	0	0	31	3	0	0	1	6	0	43
Congo	0	0	1	0	0	92	13	1	0	13	40	0	160
Kenya	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	2	1	0	10
Lesotho	0	2	2	0	0	77	13	1	0	4	26	0	125
Madagascar	0	0	0	0	0	40	5	0	0	3	24	0	72
Namibia	0	1	2	0	0	27	5	0	0	5	2	0	42
Natal	0	1	1	0	0	45	0	0	0	4	6	0	57
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	4	9	0	26
Northern S. A.	0	1	1	0	0	39	1	0	0	0	5	0	47
Sahara	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Senegal	0	0	0	0	0	26	3	0	0	5	11	0	45
Zambia	0	0	1	0	0	27	4	1	1	6	24	0	64
Zimbabwe	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	1	12	0	22
Total:	0	5	14	0	0	511	61	5	1	53	206	0	856

LATIN AMERICA

	Card.	Ar.	Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
Argentine-Chile	0	0	1	0	0	37	1	0	0	1	1	0	41
Baja California	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Bolivia	0	0	0	0	0	16	8	0	0	4	4	0	32
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	50	3	0	0	2	2	0	57
Brazil Central	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Colombia	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	2	2	0	14
Cuba	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Guatemala	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	2	9	0	24
Guyana (French)	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Haiti	0	0	1	0	0	73	9	2	0	10	44	0	139
Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	0	0	3	8	0	47
Paraguay	0	0	1	0	0	26	3	0	1	0	2	0	33
Peru	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	1	3	0	26
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	1	1	0	13
Venezuela	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	9
Total:	0	0	3	0	0	332	28	2	1	27	78	0	471

ASIA-OCEANIA

	Card.	Ar.Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
Australia	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Bangladesh	0	0	1	0	26	0	0	0	1	4	0	32
China	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	12
Colombo	0	0	1	0	117	12	0	0	3	26	0	159
India	0	0	0	0	72	1	1	0	10	19	0	103
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	33	1	0	0	2	6	0	42
Jaffna	0	0	0	0	84	1	1	0	5	23	0	114
Japan - Korea	0	0	0	0	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
Korea	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	10
Pakistan	0	1	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	14	0	41
Philippines	0	1	1	0	87	7	0	0	5	23	0	124
Thailand	0	0	1	0	9	1	0	0	0	2	0	13
Turkmenistan	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Vietnam	0	0	0	0	12	2	0	0	13	20	0	47
Total:	0	2	4	0	547	26	2	0	40	142	0	763

CANADA-UNITED STATES

	Card.	Ar.Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
Assumption	0	0	0	0	46	3	0	0	1	2	0	52
Lacombe	0	3	4	0	183	30	0	0	1	0	0	221
Notre-Dame-du-Cap	0	0	3	0	159	61	0	0	0	0	2	225
United States	1	1	1	0	273	20	0	0	1	7	0	304
Total:	1	4	8	0	661	114	0	0	3	9	2	802

EUROPE

	Card.	Ar.Ep.	Ep.	Pr.Ap.	Fr.	Br.	Br.T	Fr.T	Sc.P.	Sc.T.	Deac.	Tot.
Anglo-Irish	0	0	0	0	75	4	0	0	0	0	0	79
Belgium/Holland	0	0	0	0	72	12	0	0	0	0	3	87
Byelorussia	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
Central European	0	0	0	0	111	29	0	1	1	4	0	146
France	0	0	0	0	126	21	0	0	0	0	0	147
France & Benelux	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	38
Lourdes	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mediterranean	0	0	2	0	159	11	0	0	1	7	1	181
Poland	0	0	0	0	244	38	0	0	13	39	0	334
Romania	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ukraine	0	0	0	0	27	3	0	0	1	2	0	33
Total:	0	0	2	0	865	119	0	1	16	53	4	1060
Total:	1	11	31	0	2950	352	9	3	139	488	6	3990

Key: Card=Cardinal; Ar.Ep.=Archbishop; Ep.=Bishop; Pr.Ap.=Prefect Apostolic; Fr.=Father; Br.=Brother; Br.T.=Brother with temp. vows; Fr.T.=Father without Oblation No.; Sc.P.=Scolastics with perp. vows; Sc.T.=Scolastics with temp. vows; Deac=Perm. Deac.

Perpetual Oblations - 2012

No.	SURNAME	NAME	DATE	DIOC. OF ORIGIN	UNIT
14347	RUVALCABA PALOS	Juan	15.08.2009	Guadalajara	Mexico
14474	DIOUF	Vincent Waly	05.09.2009	Dakar	Senegal
14475	NIAKH	Paul David	05.09.2009	Dakar	Senegal

14476	SENE	Jean Marie	05.09.2009	Thies	Senegal
14477	SENE	Jean Maurice	05.09.2009	Dakar	Senegal
14506	BERNADIN	Ronel	08.09.2010	Port-Liberte	Haiti
14478	DIAGNE	Dominique	18.10.2010	Dakar	Senegal
14479	JEREZ SAZO	Edgar	03.06.2010	Guatemala	Paraguay
14487	KEDAH	Martin	02.01.2010	Garoua	Cameroun
14488	WEIGUE NERONDOH	Aurelien	02.01.2010	Moundou	Cameroun
14498	LIKE	Sakubita	15.08.2010	Zambia	Zambia
14472	DOMINGUEZ GUZMAN	Nicolas	04.02.2011	Veracruz	Mexico
14473	SALVADOR	Isidro	04.02.2011	Tabasco	Mexico
14480	ĐINH KIM CHÍ	Joseph	21.05.2011	Ho Chi Minh	Vietnam
14481	MAI VĂN THAO	Joseph	21.05.2011	Bui Chu	Vietnam
14482	NGÔ XUÂN HIÊN	Joseph	21.05.2011	Bui Chu	Vietnam
14483	NGUYEN HUU THAO	Joseph	21.05.2011		Vietnam
14486	HARDING	Nicholas	22.05.2011	Charleston	United States
14489	DHARMARATHNE	Udara	03.03.2011	Colombo	Colombo
14471	PHIRI	Christopher	28.01.2012	Lusaka	Zambia
14484	ANANUA	Dionisius	21.01.2012	Meru	Kenya
14485	MURIUNGI	Stephen	21.01.2012	Meru	Kenya
14490	VRINCEANU	Valentin-Florin	15.04.2012	Jasi	Romania
14491	BUNING	Sebastian	01.05.2012	Munster	Central. Europe
14492	CHOONGO	Gabriel	01.05.2012	Monze	Zambia
14493	JOSEPH	Maria Savari	01.05.2012	Palayamkottai	India
14494	KAYUNI	Lazarous	01.05.2012	Mansa	Zambia
14495	MONDESIR	Karly	01.05.2012	Les Cayes	Haiti
14496	PLUVIOSE	Wespler	01.05.2012	Les Cayes	Haiti
14497	ROZARIO	Rupok	01.05.2012	Dhaka	Bangladesh
14499	HUYNH	Xuân Huang	17.05.2012	Nna Trang	Vietnam
14500	OMIECINSKI	Dawid	25.05.2012	Siedlce	Poland
14501	STAWICKI	Slawomir	25.05.2012	Torun	Poland
14502	DIAZ MARQUEZ	Miguel	21.05.2012	Antofagasta	Chile
14503	NEKONDO	Rufus Mashumba	17.06.2012	Windhoek	Namibia
14504	HAUSIKU	Timotheus	17.06.2012	Windhoek	Namibia
14505	SHIKONGO	Simon Petrus	17.06.2012	Windhoek	Namibia
14507	FINNEY	Jacob Johan	23.06.2012	Chittagong	Bangladesh
14508	ROJAS FLORES	Teodoro	02.07.2012	Bolivia	Bolivia
14509	MUSABA	Michael	17.02.2012	Kasama	Zambia
14510	MacPHEE	David	08.09.2012		OMI Lacombe
14511	ABRAHAM	Joseph	08.09.2012	Les Cayes	Haiti
14512	CHARLES	Wally	08.09.2012	Fort-Liberte	Haiti
14513	JANULEWICZ	Daniel	08.09.2012	Toronto	Assumption
14514	MALU	Tshimbumba	15.08.2012	Idiofa	Congo
14515	MUNIA	Marc	15.08.2012	Idiofa	Congo
14516	MUSHILA MUTEBA	Florent	15.08.2012	Idiofa	Congo
14517	NATAKA TONTON	Herve	15.08.2012	Kenge	Congo
14518	GALI	Tomasz	08.09.2012	Wroclaw	Poland
14519	KOŚCIANEK	Przemyslaw	08.09.2012	Warszawa	Poland
14520	MATORYN	Slawomir	08.09.2012	Opole	Poland
14521	PAWLUS	Grzegorz	08.09.2012	Rzeszow	Poland
14522	PRAUZNER-BEHCICKI	Piotr	08.09.2012	Gliwice	Poland
14523	CHAJON OVALLE	Federico	08.07.2012	Guatemala	Guatemala
14524	PEREZ ESCALANTE	Dario	11.07.2012	Guatemala	Guatemala
14525	GASPAR	Juan	01.09.2012	Houston	United States
14526	FLORES NAVA	Juan	07.09.2012	Tacambaro	Mexico
14527	HERRERA AGUSTINIANO	Humberto	07.09.2012	Acapulco	Mexico
14528	LUCIANO DE LA CRUZ	Eduardo	07.09.2012	Tabasco	Mexico

14529	DINH XUÂN HÙNG	Antoine	15.09.2012	Saigon	Vietnam
14530	LE VAN CU	Pierre	15.09.2012	Ha Noi	Vietnam
14531	PHAM HUU CHI	Pierre	15.09.2012	Saigon	Vietnam
14532	NGUYEN NGOC THANH	Casimir	15.09.2012	Kontum	Vietnam
14533	NGUYỄN QUỐC VŨNG	Jean	15.09.2012	Buon Ma Thuot	Vietnam
14534	NGUYEN VAN TRUNG	Joseph	15.09.2012	Da Nang	Vietnam
14536	ARUL MARIA NATHAN	Kanickai	27.10.2012	Pondicherry	India
14537	DURAI RAJ	Arockia Alban	27.10.2012	Trichy	India
14538	LAZER	Sahaya	27.10.2012	Kottar	India
14539	RAJENDRAN	Salamon	27.10.2012	Pondicherry	India
14540	SAVARIMUTHU	Stephen	27.10.2012	Coimbatore	India
14541	SELVARAJ	John	27.10.2012	Sevagangai	India
14542	XAVIER AROKIASAMY	Jesus	27.10.2012	Madurai	India
14543	DEVANESAN	John	27.10.2012	Pondicherry	India
14544	LOORTHU	Arul	27.10.2012	Pondicherry	India
14535	PAGENTE	Mark	29.10.2012	Dumaguete	Philippines
14545	MUMBA	Chola	15.08.2012	Lusaka	Zambia
14546	DIATANG	Mirabeau	15.08.2012	Bafoussam	Cameroun
14547	IORKYAA	Godwin	15.08.2012	Makurdi	Nigeria
14548	OSUJI CHIGOZIE	John	15.08.2012	Kano	Cameroun
14549	OYEGOKE	John	15.08.2012	Jos	Cameroun
14550	TEBENE PATIZERE	Jacques	15.08.2012	Maroua-Mokolo	Cameroun
14551	ANDRIAMIHAJA	Jean	15.08.2012	Miarinarivo	Madagascar
14552	ANDRIANARISOA	Olivier	15.08.2012	Antananarivo	Madagascar
14553	RATOLOJANAHARY	Elyse	15.08.2012	Fianarantsoa	Madagascar
14554	FAYE	Edmond	10.11.2012	Dakar	Senegal
14555	HONG	Seong Cheol	08.12.2012	Incheon	Korea
14556	NANAYAKKARA	Asanga	10.11.2012	Kandy	Colombo
14557	SHANAKA	Shihan	10.11.2012	Kandy	Colombo
14558	HUETE	Carlos	08.12.2012	Madrid	Spain
14559	ORTEGA MARTINEZ	Hector	12.12.2012	Coronel Oviedo	Uruguay
14560	ANTHONIPILLAI	Thevavasantharasa	10.12.2012	Mannar	Jaffna
14561	ARULAPPU	Vimalanathan	10.12.2012	Mannar	Jaffna
14562	JAMES	Alphonse	10.12.2012	Jaffna	Jaffna
14563	JESURAJAH	Gerald	10.12.2012	Jaffna	Jaffna
14564	VELAUTHAM	Antone	10.12.2012	Jaffna	Jaffna
14565	BUSTILLOS	Flores Luis	20.12.2012	Potosi	Bolivia
14566	DOS SANTOS MEDEIROS	Fernando	25.08.2012	Macelo	Brazil
14567	SHALONGO	Johannes	07.12.2012	Windhoek	Namibia
14569	SHOBA	Thabani Petrus	17,02,2012	Durban	Natal
14570	MEHNGA	Nazir	13.10.2012	Lahore	Pakistan

Obediences - 2012

Asterisk (*) = First obedience

Date	Title	Surname	Name	Origin	Destination
29.02	Fr.	FIRTH	Oswald	Gen. Admin.	Colombo
29.02	Fr.	NESPOLO	Umberto	United States	Italy
29.03	Fr.	JASTRZEBSKI	Andrzej	Gen. Admin.	Poland
	Bro.	DESSOLIN	Dominique	Gen. Admin.	France
	Fr.	GRIMARD	Rocky	Assumption	United States
	Fr.	TESSIER	Roland	OMI Lacombe	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
4.05	Fr.	SEGAMI	Tom Mogorogi	C. Prov./S. Africa	N. Prov./S. Africa
10.05	Fr.	NUNO LOPEZ	Antonio	Spain	Uruguay
10.05	Bro.	PLANTAMP	André	Cameroun	France

10.05	Fr.	BARKAT *	Gulshan	Pakistan	Pakistan
10.05	Fr.	CHANDA MUTALE *	Richard	Zambia	Zambia
10.05	Fr.	CORDOVA HURTADO *	Miguel	Peru	Peru
10.05	Fr.	COOK *	Raymond	United States	United States
10.05	Sc	CYTRYCKI *	Bartłomiej	Poland	Poland
10.05	Sc	HARLA *	Bogusław	Poland	Poland
10.05	Sc	NOWAK *	Grzegorz	Poland	Poland
10.05	Sc	OCHLAK *	Arkadiusz	Poland	Ukraine
10.05	Sc	STANGEL *	Wojciech	Poland	Assumption
10.05	Sc	TSATSELAM *	Gerard	Cameroun	Cameroun
10.05	Sc	SHINNIAH *	Patrick	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Sc	SILUVAIRAJAH *	Arul Sutharson	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Sc	PAKKIYANATHAN *	Antony Jesuthasan	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Bro.	RAVEL *	Anthony	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Sc	SEBASTIAN *	Reginald	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Sc	YACOP *	Robinson	Jaffna	Jaffna
10.05	Sc	TSHUMA *	Alvin	Natal	Natal
10.05	Fr.	HORROCKS	Paul	Natal	Anglo-Irish
11.05	Sc	RIMBERIA *	Gideon	Kenya	Kenya
11.05	Sc	SERWIN *	Marcin	Assumption	Assumption
16.05	Sc	TSHUMA *	Ndodana	Natal	Natal
16.05	Fr.	DUDEK	Piotr	Poland	Lacombe
15.05	Fr.	BOSOI *	Marius Lucian	Italy	Mediterranean
15.05	Fr.	MACCHIA *	Vincenzo	Italy	Mediterranean
15.05	Bro.	VRINCEANU *	Valentin	Italy	Mediterranean
18.05	Sc	LIKE *	Sakubita	Zambia	Zambia
18.05	Sc	KABOMBO *	Nicholas	Zambia	Zambia
29.05	Sc	TRÂN ANH TUÂN *	Antoine	Vietnam	Vietnam
29.05	Sc	NGÔ XUÂN HIÊN *	Joseph	Vietnam	Vietnam
29.05	Sc	MAI VĂN THAO *	Joseph	Vietnam	Vietnam
29.05	Sc	DINH KIM CHI *	Joseph	Vietnam	Vietnam
20.05	Sc	NGUYÊN HUU THAO *	Joseph	Vietnam	Thailand-Laos
1.06	Fr.	ANUCHA *	Peter-Claver	Cameroun	Cameroun
1.06	Bro.	DABARERA *	Sebastian Joy	Jaffna	Jaffna
1.06	Fr.	DOMINGUEZ GUZMAN *	Nicholas	Mexico	Mexico
1.06	Sc	HAMAN *	Abraham	Cameroun	Cameroun
1.06	Sc	HINGBO *	Edmond	Cameroun	Cameroun
1.06	Sc	ORAZA *	Alfred	Cameroun	Cameroun
12.06	Sc	WAHYU NUGROHO *	Aloysius	Indonesia	Indonesia
12.06	Sc	MALANGWA *	Alain Mukanya	Congo	Congo
12.06	Sc	NANKWAYA *	Thierry	Congo	Congo
13.08	Sc	VERA *	Oscar	Paraguay	Paraguay
13.08	Sc	STANIS *	Joseph	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc.	JABOIN *	Pierre	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc	MUSONDA *	Sydney	Zambia	Zambia
13.08	Sc	MULENGA BWALYA *	Emmanuel	Zambia	Zambia
13.08	Sc	FENELON *	Sylfrard	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc	JEAN-JACQUES *	Michard	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc	FANFAN *	Antoine-Mario	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc	VICTOR *	John	Haiti	Haiti
13.08	Sc	DENIS *	Serge	Haiti	Haiti
22.08	Sc	WAAS *	Rosman Janapriya	Colombo	Colombo
22.08	Sc	WAAS *	Anton	Colombo	Colombo
22.08	Fr.	SAINT CYR	John	Haiti	United States
22.08	Sc	MARTIN *	KedaH	Cameroun	Cameroun
22.08	Sc	HEWAFONSEKAGE *	Sameera	Colombo	Colombo

22.08	Fr.	DEUTMEYER	Whilhelm	Central Eur.	Central Eur.
22.08	Sc	DE ROSAYRO *	Shane	Colombo	Colombo
22.08	Sc	CHIBWE *	Tembo	Zambia	Zambia
22.08	Sc	BERNADIN *	Ronel	Haiti	Haiti
18.09	Fr.	PIERRE *	Elie	Haiti	Haiti
18.09	Bro.	REGO	Leonard	Peru	OMI Lacombe
25.09	Fr.	ALVES CONCEICAO *	Edicarlos	Brazil	Brazil
25.09	Fr.	URIAS OLIVEIRA *	Patrick	Brazil	Brazil
25.09	Fr.	VITAL *	Paulin	Haiti	Haiti
25.09	Bro.	LÊ VĂN CU *	Pierre	Vietnam	Vietnam
25.09	Bro.	NGUYỄN VĂN TRUNG *	Joseph	Vietnam	Vietnam
26.09	Fr.	DOMAGAŁA	Roman	Poland	France-Benelux
7.11	Fr.	DOSQUET	Benoit H	France	Gen. Admin./Aix
7.11	Bro.	BOIS	Joseph	France	Gen. Admin./Aix
7.11	Fr.	DAGAVOUNASOU	Edouard	Cameroun	Gen. Admin./I.R.S.
7.11	Fr.	LaBELLE	Joseph	United States	Gen. Admin./Aix
7.11	Fr.	ZAMPA	Saverop	Italy	Gen. Admin./Aix
12.12	Fr.	SANTUCCI	Francis	Gen. Admin.	United States

Oblates in First Formation - 2012

(Reported as of 25 January 2013)

Year	Scholastics	Bros. In Temp. vows	First Vows	Perpetual Vows	Ordinations
2012	627	9	87*	100*	84*
2011	685	17	132	72	74
2010	672	19	82	47	32
2009	632	28	104	76	46
2008	698	27	89	74	64
2007	675	29	115	55	69
2006	723	30	156	71	50

*Please note that these numbers include Oblates who either professed vows or were ordained in previous years but the **fact had not been reported** to the General Secretariat before January 2013.

Deaths and Departures - 2012

Deaths in **2012: 103** (83 Priests, 18 Brothers 2 scholastics)

2011: **108** 2010: **92** 2009: **110** 2008: **91** 2007: **113** 2006: **92** 2005: **94** 2004: **113**

Departures **reported** in **2012: 74** (22 priests, 49 scholastics, 3 Brothers)

2011: 47 (16 priests, 31 scholastics)
 2010: 51 (12 priests, 39 scholastics)
 2009: 49 (11 priests, 35 scholastics, 3 Brothers)
 2008: 75 (16 priests, 54 scholastics, 5 Brothers)
 2007: 85 (19 priests, 64 scholastics, 2 Brothers)
 2006: 67 (8 priests, 56 scholastics, 3 Brothers)

2012:

- 39 scholastics did not renew their temporary vows.
- 9 scholastics were dispensed from temporary vows.
- 1 scholastic was dispensed from perpetual vows.
- 2 Brothers did not renew their temporary vows.
- 1 Brother was dispensed from temporary vows.
- 8 priests were dismissed “ipso jure” from the Congregation.
- 4 priests were dismissed from the Congregation.
- 5 priests were laicized.
- 1 priest was definitively incardinated into a diocese.
- 4 priests were incardinated “ad experimentum” into dioceses

Latin America

CHILE**A touching farewell for a worker for justice**

Father Antonio GHYSELEN was born in Belgium in 1939 and professed his final vows as an Oblate in 1962. Ordained in 1964, he spent most of his missionary life in Chile. He died in La Pintana on December 15, 2012. From his arrival in Chile until his last days, he lived in the midst of the poor. Faithful to the teaching he received as a Missionary Oblate, he spent his life creating and encouraging Basic Christian Communities. He was outstanding in social-missionary activities at the time when the Archdiocese of Santiago was under the direction of Cardinal Raúl Silva Henríquez, along with his Vicar General, Monsignor Jorge Hourton.

In 1983, he lost his permanent residency in Chile because of his involvement in the “Sebastian Acevedo” movement against torture, a nonviolent, Christian expression of protest and action against the abuses of human rights that the military dictatorship was systematically committing. In 1989, he once again received his residency document.

For several years, he was the Dean of the Santa Rosa deanery; he was a provincial councillor of the Oblate province, and from 1987 until 1993, he was provincial of that province. As such, he participated in the 1992 General Chapter of the Oblates in Rome. In 1989, he was named pastor of the Oblate parish of Nuestra Señora de la Reconciliación, until the transfer of that parish to the new diocese of San Bernardo in 1992.

Neither the lunch hour nor the sweltering heat managed to mitigate the love, respect and enthusiasm of the 300 people who, on December 16, said farewell to the beloved brother and companion, Oblate priest and missionary, who came from

Belgium to live and preach the Gospel among the poorest and the dispossessed from different working neighborhoods of Chile.

The poignant and crowded funeral Mass, celebrated in the Capilla Jesús Sembrador, was led by the Vicars, Miguel Hoban (southern zone) and Rafael Hernández (northern zone) and was concelebrated by 20 priests of different religious orders, including his brother Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Several of those present, before the beginning of the liturgy, recalled various human and pastoral sides of Fr. Antonio. Everyone agreed that this missionary came to be with them where they lived, listened to them, encouraged them in their dreams of a better life and was one with them, without distinction or scolding. Antonio was a born Evangelizer and a great, inveterate promoter of the Basic Christian Communities. Therefore, he lived with the people and the people loved him, respected him and followed him, within and outside the parish ...

Noteworthy was the homily of the Vicar, Miguel Hoban. He reviewed Antonio’s great task and hope. “Do not forget Fr. Antonio, a man who let himself be molded by God; there is no crisis in the priesthood when a priest lives close to the people and to the Lord.” He added that this foreign missionary lived as one more resident, living like the people, making his own their hopes and sorrows, and that he strongly promoted the Basic Communities and social ministry. He also based his ministry on listening to people, forming decidedly autonomous pastoral councils in parishes wherever he was. (Jaime Escobar M. in *Revista Reflexión y Liberación*)

Asia-Oceania

INDONESIA**Finally a new house for the Lord**

Trinity Parish at Cengkareng, Jakarta, Indonesia, was the first parish in Indonesia's capital city which the Australian Oblates accepted from the Archbishop of Jakarta as their first mission in Jakarta in 1978. At present, the parish has over 20,000 people or around 6,000 Catholic families. As the number of the parishioners grew, the church was always full and sometimes it was difficult and uncomfortable for the people to worship our God. On the celebration of special days – like the Easter Triduum and Christmas – the parishioners needed to come much earlier to the church to get seats. Otherwise, they would end up standing for the whole Mass. Bearing in mind those difficulties and the development of much new housing in many areas in Cengkareng, this Oblate parish took the initiative to build a new church.

In 1999, the parish bought 8,710 m² of land at Citra Garden City for the building of a new church. In 2003, the Church Building Committee was formed. Preparations were made by the committee to obtain government approval; they also spoke about the new church with the non-Catholic people who live around the area. After waiting for 7 years, on 18 January 2010, the government of Jakarta gave their approval for the building of the church. Not wasting any time, the committee then held the ceremony for laying of the first stone on 13 March 2010. Unfortunately, the committee experienced some stumbling blocks from the people in the area. The building process was again postponed. After waiting for about a year, at last the work of building the new church began on 31 January 2011.

God really worked with His people in building His own house. The building of the church moved forward smoothly. It was inaugurated by the Governor of Jakarta on 08 September 2012. The day after the inauguration, the church had its first celebration of Mass. Many people came to the two Masses held on Sunday, 09 September 2012. The church was not big enough to accommodate all of those who came with joy and awe to see the new church.

On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 08 December 2012, the new church was blessed by the Archbishop of Jakarta, Mgr. Ignatius Suharyo. More than a thousand people we present as the Archbishop, accompanied by Fr. Yohanes Subagyo,

the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Fr. Antonius RAJABANA, Provincial of the Oblates in Indonesia, and Fr. Peter K. Subagyo STOLL, parish priest, celebrated the Mass. "A very sincere thank you for all of your sacrifices for the accomplishment of the building of the new church and the development of Trinity Parish. All your sacrifices, we believe, make our Church more rooted, growing and with a lot of good fruit," said the Archbishop in his homily.

Finally, only a breath of relief and pride fill our hearts to see the completion of the building of the church; the House of the Lord, our dream, is here, at last. (Caraka Team)

COLOMBO**25 years ago: Assassination of Fr. Michael Rodrigo, OMI**

The 25th anniversary of the assassination of Fr. Michael RODRIGO was celebrated on 10 November 2012 at Buttala, Sri Lanka. Bishop Norbert ANDRADI of Anuradhapura presided at the concelebrated Eucharist. Among the concelebrants were the General Councilor for Asia-Oceania, Fr. Clement WAIDYASEKARA and the Provincial of the Colombo Oblate Province, Fr. Rohan SILVA.

In his homily, the bishop stated: "Humanly speaking, we are witnessing to a very sad occasion; but from a spiritual point of view it is a blessed occasion. We are participating in the same holy Eucharist with which Fr. Mike's life culminated. Rather than conforming to the social standards of the day, he stood for the rights of the oppressed poor, and raised their human lives to a divine level, fearless of threats and accusations. He was constantly searching for the kind of action with which he could fully involve himself in the lives of the poor, rather than resorting to escapism, letting his blood be poured into the same chalice in which the Eucharistic blood of Jesus had been a few minutes ago. (He was shot soon after the communion rite). We have to go beyond a mere commemoration of Fr. Mike. As Oblates we have to question ourselves as to the next step. Celebrating and rejoicing alone won't do. How should we as disciples of Jesus Christ live profoundly Fr. Mike's discipleship? He discovered those things that were opposed to God's plan. He had to let go of many things in order to achieve his goal. He knew that the Oblate cross should not be a mere ornament. His convictions ought to challenge us. He was not just a social worker. He had a profound

spirituality centered on the mystery of the Eucharist. The same challenge that Jesus posed to the rich young man is placed also before us. If we are to follow Jesus one ought to deny oneself, take up one's cross and go after Him."

The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a get-together, during which a special Sri Lankan guest speaker, Mr. Mahinda Nāmal, who has been propagating Christian liberation spirituality, addressed the gathering saying, "Today we live in a society that awaits a hundred more Fr. Mikes. In reality, his was a political assassination. From a faith perspective, it was martyrdom. There were two aspects to his ministry; namely, indigenization and kenosis. During the past 60 years indigenization was a mere fashion or ornamentation. For Fr. Mike indigenization was not simply adaptation of certain aspects of local art, decorations, vestments, and liturgy; instead, it was a question of incarnating the Christian teaching in the lives of the people. True indigenization involves taking the liberational content of the Gospel into the hearts of the poor masses. From the 1970's southern Sri Lankan youth took to violence not because they liked it, but because they thought that violence was the only language which the rulers understood. Referring to the violence of 1983 July, Fr. Mike stated that the Tamils suffered much more than the Sinhalese. We have only one race; namely, humanity. Racist violence is a shame on humanity. Fr. Mike's indigenization was free from racism and religious fanaticism. In my opinion, the importance of Fr. Mike lies not so much in his expertise of Buddhism, but in his dedication to the cause of the poor. He represented both Christianity and Buddhism. He said that Sri Lankan Buddhism is a national heritage which must be protected. The second aspect of the person of Fr. Mike is his kenosis. Coming from the high class society in Colombo, he sacrificed many things for the sake of the noble cause of the poor masses for whom he had made a preferential option. Just as Jesus we too must make an exodus towards self-emptying. By self-emptying he did not mean embracing material poverty. It was

a giving up of every desire and attachment that gave birth to poverty in order to eradicate the same. He was no armchair critic, but someone who came down to the grass root level, and totally identified himself with the poor. He chose the region of Lower Uva region for his ministry in order to pay compensation to the damages done by Colonial Christianity. While learning the basics of agriculture and herbal medicine from the villagers, he tried to do away with their ignorance by widening their horizons in imparting to them a wide range of knowledge as well as English language as a communication medium. Where is the Sri Lankan society 25 years after his death?"

Buttala has developed externally. But oppression and religious alienation are still there. Today the domination of the multinationals thrives in the region. There is no fixed price for the agricultural products of the villages. People use poisonous fertilizers in order to survive (something which Fr. Mike abhorred). Child-abuse, premature sex and the use of narcotics among children are rampant. Religious fundamentalism and fanaticism are galore. Family life is badly affected due to values proposed through media. In place of true indigenization, so called shallow patriotism is on the increase. Instead of self-emptying, people are filling themselves with greed. The collective conscience to build up the society is replaced by an individualized, consumerist spirituality. In this sense, the work which Fr. Mike began is not continued today on the same wavelength. So we need to make the same exodus from our ghettos which he made in terms of indigenization and self-emptying.

The next important item of the day was the presentation of the first issue of *Samvāda* ('Dialogue'), a Sri Lankan Oblate periodical dedicated to interreligious dialogue. Fr. Claude PERERA, the executive editor, presented the first copy of it to Bishop Andradi. The students of Michael Rodrigo English Academy staged a drama depicting the gruesome social realities which Fr. Mike was facing while he lived. Lunch was served to all present. (Fr. Claude Perera, omi)

Anniversaries for March 2013

60 Years of religious life

1953.03.16	09424	Fr. John Cranley	Australia
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60 Years of priesthood

1953.03.22	08797	Fr. Pierre Tissot	France
1953.03.29	08404	Fr. José Sander	Paraguay

50 Years of religious life

1963.03.19	11728	Bro. André Allard	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
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50 Years of priesthood

1963.03.09	10184	Fr. Marcel Dumais	Notre-Dame-du-Cap
1963.03.09	10212	Fr. John Greene	Lacombe
1963.03.09	10160	Fr. Wilfred Harvey	United States
1963.03.17	10784	Fr. Marcel Pierre	Cameroun
1963.03.17	10449	Fr. Daniel Taillez	United States
1963.03.30	10321	Fr. Chester J. Cappucci	United States
1963.03.30	10269	Fr. Eutimio González	Mediterranean
1963.03.30	10330	Fr. Leo Kertz	Poland
1963.03.31	10428	Fr. Pierre Buekens	Belgium/Holland
1963.03.31	10445	Fr. Roland Christ	Cameroun
1963.03.31	10446	Fr. Jean-Baptiste Epp	France
1963.03.31	10352	Fr. Berthold Lendeckel	Central European
1963.03.31	10361	Fr. Joseph Osinski	Poland
1963.03.31	10354	Fr. Josef Otto	Central European
1963.03.31	10364	Fr. Leo van den Berg	Belgium/Holland

25 Years of religious life

1988.03.20	13097	Bro. Nobuhiko Dominic Yagi	Colombo
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25 Years of priesthood

1988.03.19	12792	Fr. Omar Friedrich	Argentina-Chile
1988.03.19	12835	Fr. Alberto Ghiglia	Mexico
1988.03.26	12826	Fr. Antonio Cannatà	Mediterranean
1988.03.26	12748	Fr. Terence Murray	Anglo-Irish

Prayers for our deceased

2012: No. 100-103

NAME	PROV./Del.	BORN	DIED AT	DATE
Fr. Michel Bissonnette	Central Prov. South Africa	02/10/1932	Québec	26/12/2012
Fr. Edward McSherry	Anglo-Irish	20/09/1934	Leith	26/12/2012
Fr. Robert Guimond	Notre-Dame-du-Cap	02/10/1944	Montréal	28/12/2012
Fr. Joseph Rossiter	OMI Lacombe	26/01/1929	Vancouver	29/12/2012

2013: No. 1-11

Fr. John McGrath	United States	12/07/1927	San Antonio	07/01/2013
Fr. Donald Joyce	United States	15/05/1931	San Antonio	07/01/2013
Fr. Thomas Cassidy	OMI Lacombe	05/05/1937	Ottawa	07/01/2013
Bro. Benjamin Juarez	United States	31/03/1936	San Antonio	08/01/2013
Fr. Elie Bève	France	04/10/1920	Pontmain	11/01/2013
Fr. Robert Stang	OMI Lacombe	14/09/1935	Battleford	12/01/2013
Fr. Arthur Obin	United States	02/04/1938	West Palm Beach	16/01/2013
Fr. Jean Pierre Meichel	France	30/03/1936	Brumath	16/01/2013
Fr. Stanislaus Tissa Balasuriya	Colombo	29/08/1924	Colombo	17/01/2013
Bro. Fernand Vallance	France	16/10/1923	Lyon	21/01/2013
Fr. Normand Fillion	United States	14/07/1924	Tewksbury	23/01/2013

“They are before God, bearing the sign, the kind of character proper to our Institute, the vows common to all its members, the firm habit of the same virtues. We are linked to them by the bonds of a special charity. They are still our brothers and we are theirs. They now live in our mother-house, our main residence. The prayers and the love they retain for us will one day draw us to them and we shall live in our place of rest together with them.” (Letter of Founder to Fr. Courtès, 22 July 1828)

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