



Painting by Juan Vladimir Martinovich

Listening to Saint Michael...

The soul, of its nature, is immortal; But not the body. God, no doubt, had created it immortal, but it was by favor; For of his nature he was to perish; This is why St. Augustine says of innocent Adam: The body being mortal itself shared the condition of the animals, but the immortal was by favour of the Creator; And St. Thomas that he was not immortal by any intrinsic force of immortality, but by the super power of supernatural grace.

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The experience of evangelical brotherhood

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Our Congregation is an institution of consecrated life. That is the way our founder, St Michael Garicoïts, wanted it, contrary to the wishes of the bishop who considered us just as an institution of apostolic life. Saint Michael defended his project before the bishop, he patiently put up with the incomprehension, and he obeyed, at the risk of reducing to nothing what had been inspired from above. It was not until twelve years after his death in 1875 that the Holy See recognized the Congregation as our founder wished. The first article of our Rule of Life states:

The Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Bétharram, founded by Saint Michael Garicoïts is an apostolic clerical religious Institute. It is composed of religious, priests and brothers, called to live today the Gospel of Jesus Christ by their life of prayer, their personal consecration, their community life and apostolic activity for the salvation of the world.

Sometimes it is said that the requirement of communal life is not so important, that the important thing is mission. In an institution of consecrated life like ours, community life counts just as much as mission. If there are exceptions, they cannot in any way become the rule. It would be to deceive ourselves, to live in contradiction with what the Church has recognized in us, and to betray the divine inspiration, the intentions and the project of our Father St. Michael Garicoïts.

Community and mission are two essential elements of our lives. The community cannot prevent us from carrying out the mission's activities, nor can the mission prevent us from being faithful to the demands of fraternal life in community. Mission must hold together three elements in order to truly bear witness: the gift of our life to the Lord through the guidance of the Gospel, our evangelical fraternity in community and apostolic activities. Our Rule of Life reminds us: *Following the Incarnate Word, whom "the Father consecrated and sent into the world" (John 10:36), we in turn are consecrated and sent to be in the world, by our whole religious life, a sign proclaiming Jesus Christ. "Religious life will be all the more apostolic as the gift of oneself to the Lord Jesus becomes more interior and the common life more fraternal and the commitment to the specific mission of the institute becomes more ardent."* (article 13)

Being clear about what the Church means by community life is important. Before the Council, in all the communities and congregations, it was practically the same. Community life was monastic in

style. It consisted in observing the regulations. There were community schedules: meals, prayers, recreation, community outings ... the rest of the time was devoted to sacramental, pastoral and educational activities; after which the good monk retired to his room. It is worth noting that community prayer could be summarised as devotional practice. With the foundation of the Jesuits, the institutions of apostolic life were not obliged to pray the liturgy in communal hours, for this obligation was an obstacle to the mission. They prayed therefore in private. Today, the Church recommends consecrated men to pray the daily liturgy when they are together, since this is not an impediment to the mission.

Since the Council, the emphasis has shifted from the observance of regulations to the experience of brotherhood as an evangelical value. This brotherhood consists of living a communion of brothers, the foundation of which is the union of each one with Jesus and with the Father. *"Community living entails a daily sharing of life according to specific structures and provisions established in the constitutions. Sharing of prayer, work, meals, leisure, common spirit, "relationships of friendship, cooperation in the same apostolate, and mutual support in community of life chosen for a better following of Christ, are so many valuable factors in daily progress" (ET 39). A community gathered as a true family in the Lord's name enjoys his presence (cf. Mt 18:25) through the love of God which is poured out by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rm 5:5). Its unity is a symbol of the coming of Christ and is a source of apostolic energy and*

as from January 1822. When the revolution of 1830 forbade this ministry, he became "priest with no pastoral task" in Pau: despair for this passionate soul! Fortunately, in 1831, Michael Garicoïts asked him to lead the ordination retreat at Betharram: there he met Fr Guimon, and the one who aspired to set up a congregation. In 1832, as parish priest of Labastide-Clairence, he found the limits of his parish of 2,000 faithful to be narrow. As soon as he could, he left to preach elsewhere, as far as the neighbouring diocese: His bishop reproached him for it! Monsignor d'Arbou accepted his request for Betharram, but urged him to wait! In his heart, however, Fr Perguilhem had already left. The dream became reality on 15th July 1835. At last! Fr Perguilhem was endowed with some good physical and intellectual qualities: "handsome, good-looking, magnificent height"; cultivated, great speaker ... he organised Betharram's grand receptions and surpassed himself by welcoming Napoleon III and the Empress

Eugenie. In the country, the women loved to listen to him; but were not attracted to his confessional. They could recognise that: "he was a pleasant, fine man, but quite a scary man!". Pitiless when it came to sin, he scared people with hell and death; and before absolving them, he was very lengthy, perhaps even neverending, and above all strict. He stayed with the habits of his early days; Michael Garicoïts did not manage to make him more gentle. When Fr Guimon set off for America, he advised this man that he had known at Hasparren: "Be merciful to souls!". And Fr Perguilhem himself recommended to other colleagues: "Be good, all you others; I myself cannot be..." His only consolation, his only comfort, was his devotion to Mary. This man who was general councillor several times, founder and superior at Orthez from 1849 to 1861, died in Betharram on 22nd December 1872. Surely, in his goodness, God welcomed him.

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THE FIRST COMPANIONS OF MICHAEL GARICOÏTS

Real missionaries!

Jean-Louis Larrouy

On 28th September 1834, Jean Chirou arrived in Betharram. Who would follow him? The response is in a letter from Monsignor d'Arbou to Michael Garicoïts dated 22nd December: "I am going to appoint Mr Larrouy". Jean-Louis Larrouy was 32 years old; he had been a priest for 2 years; first of all a curate, then a parish priest in a little village in the Aspe Valley. He left his presbytery on 31st December 1834 and arrived in Betharram in January. Starting



The names of Fr. Larrouy and Br. Fabien are engraved on the monument dedicated in Montevideo to the victims of the yellow fever in 1871.

as a missionary, he became a superior in Sarrance in 1850. He was a volunteer in America and left with the first team in 1856. A deep man, he was the spiritual director of the group. In 1862, he was the chaplain and the superior of San Juan in Buenos Aires. As a missionary, he didn't understand that he should open schools; he therefore opposed Fr Barbé and the San Jose High School, even writing to Fr Garicoïts. However, he stayed faithful to the original ideal: he was the spokesman and reproached Fr Chirou: "The spirit of the foundation is extinguished and the ideas of the founder crushed. In 1857, an outbreak of cholera claimed more than 10,000 victims in Montevideo: Mr Larrouy went to volunteer there and the population wanted him to be apostolic curate of Uruguay; being humble, he returned to Argentina. In 1871, yellow fever decimated the city of Buenos Aires; together with his colleagues, he provided help to the sick and became ill himself. On 6th April, Mr Larrouy, Mr Irigaray and Brother Fabian died.

Pierre Perguilhem

After Larrouy, Fathers Fondeville and Perguilhem were admitted to Betharram on 13th and 15th July 1835. Who were they? Let's start with Fr Perguilhem who was also a "true missionary". Born in 1798 – one year later than Michael Garicoïts – very near Orthez,

he did all his ecclesiastic studies in Toulouse, where François Lacroix (the future bishop of Bayonne) taught. Monsignor d'Astos ordained him priest on 22nd December 1821. "Cultivated, pious, eloquent" (Miéyaa), he joined the Hasparren Society of Missionaries



power (cf. PC 15). In it the consecrated life can thrive in conditions which are proper to it (cf. ET 38) and the ongoing formation of members can be assured. The capacity to live community life with its joys and restraints is a quality which distinguishes a religious vocation to a given institute and it is a key criterion of suitability in a candidate." (EEVR 19 - Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life, *Essential Elements in the Church's Teaching On Religious Life...*, 1983). These are the values we must live in evangelical brotherhood. They can be summed up in four points: sharing life, sharing faith, sharing property and sharing the mission.

This is what the experience of brotherhood must guarantee. Unlike in the past, where the regulations applied uniformly to all the communities of the Congregation,

there is great respect today for the reality of each one of them. Taking into account the spirituality we need to live, the mission we have to fulfill, the place where the community resides, all the members come together and try to answer two questions: what do we want to prioritise together in our lives this year? What do we need to do to be able to live together as we have decided? In answering these questions, the spiritual elements which need to be prioritised will emerge, and then, agenda in hand, the community calendar can be established; and this is the best articulation of community and missionary commitments.

Drawing up the community project, finding the foundation of our life and vocation, is already a community activity which is very beneficial. Of course, it takes

effort, but the challenge is worth it: let our fraternity be the bearer of fidelity to vocation. We always come back to the same thing: we have experienced the love of God through the encounter with Jesus, which marked and reoriented our lives. It is our *raison d'être*, our reason for living and our reason for acting. It is also the experience that brings us together in community. How is it possible, then, that to say what discovering the basis of our life costs us at this point? Should we be ashamed of being what we are, in community? Could it be that we do not really do community? Perhaps we are contaminated by our individualistic societies. The consecrated life is communal, and worldly individualism should have no place. Individualism can also taint the mission. Sometimes activities that eat into our time and energy are not directly related to our mission, but we like to do them. Without the life of prayer and fraternity, all these nice activities will eventually change us from God's men to civil servants, as pointed out by Pope Francis.

At present, it has become customary to consider a mission only on the basis of a canonical mandate. Rather, we need to foster the formation of a community whose mission is not based on a pastoral responsibility, but rather on an apostolic community project, a community that establishes itself in a place, that takes the time to make itself known, living by its work and where, little by little, through fraternal witness, the brothers give reasons for their hope, and proclaim Jesus who motivates their life ... so, little by little,

around the religious community, a Christian community of men and women will be able to form. When fully formed, this community can go further in establishing others. So it was, I imagine, with the first community of Bétharramites who arrived in China in 1922.

Gaspar Fernández Pérez scj
Superior General

Region



India

A Thirty-day retreat and a few days of pilgrimage for the Novices ► On 9th January, we the St. Mariam Region novices travelled to Kerala for the one month retreat at Loyola in Aluva (Jesuits training centre). On 11th January we took part in the ordination of Fr. Jacob. On 12th Jan we along with the Jesuit novices went on a pilgrimage to Malayattor (St. Thomas Mount) and also to Sameeksha, a place of Spiritual center that is in Kalady, to get the blessings from the fathers before the retreat.

We began our retreat on 14th Jan evening after four days of preparation under the guidance of Fr. Jose Jacob SJ and we successfully completed it on 13th Feb evening. After the retreat we visited the birth place and the tomb of St. Alphonsa (the First Saint of India) and also visited the birth place of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara.

We are very grateful for all your prayers and support during this one month retreat. It is the prayers that strengthened us.

During the retreat we prayed for you and the fathers and brothers in the congregation, especially for the upcoming General Chapter.

This is what some novices said:

Bro. Mathew: "I had the best experience of silence, awareness, prayer and the time to find God in my life."

Bro. Peter: "I realized that God is really my Absolute Goal in my life. He is God of Love, Mercy, Peace and Joy in my life. And I can find Him everywhere and He is with me always."

Bro. Avinash: "I am a precious child of God and He loves me unconditionally, in spite of my sinfulness, brokenness and limitations."

Bro. Nu: "I'm like a smallest speck of dust, standing in front of the eyes of God, and He gazes at me and makes me like a precious jewel."

Bro. Pobitro: "A cherishing and enriching experience. I have a great role to play in HIS Mission (God's Mission)."

Thailand

Church Consecration ► Sunday, February 12, there was a grand celebration in the village of Huay Rai, in Northern Thailand, for the consecration of the new church of the village.

The village had already a small church, but it had now become too small to accommodate all the people. The parish is entrusted to the Betharramite Religious of the Holy Family Catholic Centre at Ban Pong.

The concelebration was presided by Mgr. Francis Xavier Vira Arpondratana, Bishop of Chiang Mai. Fr. John Chan Kunu scj, superior of the community, Fr. Peter Nonthaphat Mayoe scj and Fr. Alberto Pensa scj were also present.

The church was dedicated to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus."

As per tradition, at the end of the celebration the villagers offered the lunch to everyone.

Region



As per tradition, at the end of the event a jury declared the best exhibitors who were rewarded with agricultural equipment.

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Uruguay

New Mission ► The Missionary Community of Betharram in Uruguay moved into a new residence. The religious, Fr Angelo Recalcati SCJ (Superior), Fr Eder Chaves Gonçalves SCJ (Parish Administrator) and Br Victor Torales SCJ (Bursar), joyfully celebrated with the local community, the beginning of a new period of their ministry in the Diocese of Tacuarembó-Rivera.



Sunday, March 5, they were officially entrusted with the pastoral ministry of the parish of St. Elizabeth of Portugal, in the city of Paso de los Toros, 250 km from Montevideo.

In the photo, we see the community after the concelebration in the parish church with some of the laity of the six sub-stations welcoming them with renewed hope. The Bishop, Mons. Julio Bonino, invited them to "run to embrace life's call". After 156 years, the Betharramite Religious keep saying "Here I am", in Uruguay.

Solidarity



A small flame for a great gesture of solidarity: every year, in the region of Chiang Mai, the local people celebrate the festival of rice harvesting. On this occasion they offer a portion of the crop to be distributed to the parishioners in need.

This year the festival was celebrated in the small village of Khunpae and was organized by Fr. Suthon scj and Fr. Athit scj

Italy

World Day of the Sick ► On February 11, Fr Théophile Dégni SCJ, of the community of Monteporzio (Rome), organized the 25th World Day of the Sick at the Hospital San Raffaele at Rocca di Papa.

The presence of Mgr Raffaello Martinelli, Bishop of Frascati, the participation of members of the Focolari movement and the Scouts of Monteporzio Catone made this occasion more significant.

Central Africa

Agricultural Fair 2017 ► On Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 of February, the 7th edition of the Agricultural Fair was held in Bouar. It was entirely planned, realized and managed by the Caritas of Bouar where Fr Beniamino Gusmeroli SCJ, Parish priest of the betharramite Mission "Our Lady of Fatima" is playing a leading role.

The theme of the 2017 fair was: "Producers, farmers, breeders and fishermen, work together for social cohesion and reconciliation in Central African Republic, through agriculture and food welfare."

About 120 groups of farmers were present to exhibit the fruits of their annual harvest.



Lenten Season



BLESSING AND IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES IN THE BASILICA OF SANTA SABINA, ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH 2017 IN ROME. EXTRACT OF THE HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS.

Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life. The mark of the ashes with which we set out reminds us of our origin: we were taken from the earth, we are made of dust. True, yet we are dust in the loving hands of God, who has breathed his spirit of life upon each one of us, and still wants to do so. He wants to keep giving us that breath of life that saves us from every other type of breath: the stifling asphyxia brought on by our selfishness, the stifling asphyxia generated by petty ambition and silent indifference – an asphyxia that smothers the spirit, narrows our horizons and slows the beating of our hearts. (...)

Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people's lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the

asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning? [...]

Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us. Lent is a time of compassion, when, with the Psalmist, we can say: "Restore to us the joy of your salvation, sustain in us a willing spirit", so that by our lives we may declare your praise (cf. Ps 51:12.15), and our dust – by the power of your breath of life – may become a "dust of love".

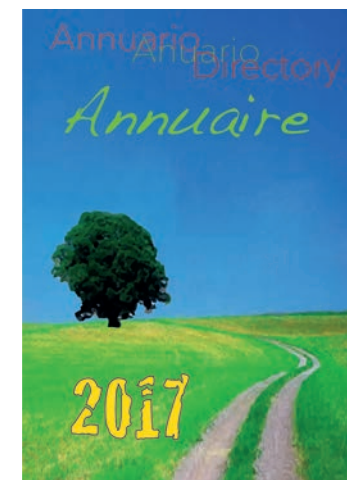
The Superior General has convoked to the next General Chapter all the capitulants: members by right, the deputies elected in the three Regional Chapters and three invited religious (who will not have active voice during the ballots).

The Generalate House, with the Vicariate of Paraguay, take charge of the logistics of the Chapter General. For further information, please turn to Fr Graziano Sala scj, General Secretary.



DIRECTORY 2017

The new directory of the congregation is to be sent to all communities...



The Superior General communicates that, on February 25th 2017, Mgr Legrez, bishop of Albi, put an end to the pastoral mission of **Fr. Emmanuel Congo Winonga** in his diocese. Father Emmanuel will join the Betharramite community that the Regional Superior of the Region St. Michael Garicoïts will indicate to him.

In memoriam...

On March 4th, **Mr Wenceslao Martínez Cáceres**, father of Fr. Osmar Cáceres Spáini SCJ, responsible for the formation of the postulants of Paraguay, died at Yataity del Norte (Paraguay). We feel close to Fr Osmar and his family through our prayer and we put all our hope in God the Father and in His mercy.

Let us not forget that Paraguay was plunged into a dictatorship - that of Alfredo Stroessner - which cruelly persecuted political opponents and catechists, witnesses of the faith.

The visit of Pope John Paul II in 1988 and that of Pope Francis in July 2015 were significant events that invited every person in the Church to renewal and strengthening of faith. The testimony and commitment of the laity in matters of education are reflected in popular circles. Our colleges and parishes have the grace to be able to count on them. We all know how important their collaboration is in the management of our colleges, especially at the pastoral and academic levels.

On the whole, it can be said that the proclamation of the Gospel in this country finds a propitious and fertile ground thanks to the popular religious feeling of the Paraguayan family, which is

manifested in particular by its immense devotion to the Virgin Mary.

The sanctuary of Caacupé, where the Immaculate Conception is venerated, is the unavoidable destination of every Paraguayan believer. In the days before and after this feast, on December 8, long caravans of pilgrims set out by wagon, on foot or by bicycle. All feel called by the Blessed Mother to honour their promises. In the homes of families we often see what is called the "family corner", which is a small sacred space filled with pious images, sometimes accompanied by a photo of a loved one.

In Paraguay too, secularism, and even more materialism, cools the religious heart. Nevertheless, nostalgia for the maternal and paternal welcome of Ñandejara (as the Guaranis call God) leaves the door open to a more committed and coherent faith.

We conclude this brief description with a phrase from the late Cardinal Jean Daniélou, which will always be relevant: "Return to the sources, contact with real life, and dialogue with contemporary cultural thought".

Carlos Escurra sci



Preparatory Commission

ONE MONTH OR SO BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER, FR. ENRICO FRIGERIO SCI, VICAR GENERAL AND THE MEMBER OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER, MAKES A POINT ON THE PATH THAT LEADS US TO LAKE YPACARAI (PARAGUAY) WHERE TAKES PLACE THE GENERAL CHAPTER, AND INDICATES IN LARGE LINES THE CONTENTS WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM THE REGIONAL CHAPTERS AND WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL CHAPTER.

Statute No. 9 of our Rule of Life says: *At least one year before the meeting of the General Chapter, the Superior General communicates the subjects to be dealt with to all the religious. He invites them to make known their suggestions to the regional chapters, which presents their proposals to him. Each religious can also answer directly to the superior general.*

The Council of the Congregation of the last year (February 2016) focused on this statute. The Regional Superiors and the General Council had prepared the charts of reflection accompanied with the questionnaires which were meant to support the exchanges during the Regional Chapters of the three Regions. At the end of their joint work, the members of the Council of the Congregation and the superior general had essentially identified three main themes: the rediscovery of our Betharramite vocation; the community in mission; the identification of our Betharramite mission. These three themes and the corresponding questionnaires were the fruit of personal reflection, confrontation and group work within the Council of the Congregation. The superior general had then transmitted this material to the regional superiors and had appointed them, together with

the General Councillors, members of the Preparatory Commission for the General Chapter, and invited them to return to the Council of the Congregation with the proposals of the various Regional Chapters. Such was the starting point for the work of the Commission, gathered in Rome at the General House from 6 to 12 February 2017, the last Council of the Congregation of the present administration.

Framed by the 'narratio' in the morning and by the Eucharistic celebration in the evening, these days of intense work, benefited in a true fraternal climate and were characterized by a frank and loyal confrontation on the contents of the reports of the three Regional Superiors, carrying on the Areas of shadow and light of their respective communities and vicariates. After a brief "evaluation" of his Region since the 2011 General Chapter of Bethlehem, each Regional Superior presented the state of spiritual health of the religious, in indicating the initiatives taken at various levels for permanent formation, and which opened the paths of rediscovery of their own vocation and the Betharramite identity.

Another treated theme is the vocational animation. It must be noted that the

richness of vocations in the "South" corresponds to an almost total absence of vocations in vicariates linked to the origins of our Congregation. This note has led to a reflection and an evaluation of the "international



communities" (willed also by the 2011 Chapter) with which we try to introduce a new sap and renewed enthusiasm in the communities of "old" Europe by the insertion of the young religious priests. An important theme during this Council of the Congregation was highlighted by the choice of the icon for the General Chapter, namely the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth, with the corresponding devise: *Running to embrace life's call. We are called to put ourselves forward with joy, without delay, towards the "peripheries" of the today's world. "More than a determined ministry, the mission of Betharram appears itself to a" way of doing "marked by the spirit of obedience: it is that which makes us free, detached, available, capable of abandoning what occupies us, as gifted as we are, to "go out" on the spot, where the superiors call us.* (Editorial of Fr. Gaspar, "NEF", March 2016). This "go out" should not scatter us, but should create even deeper bonds of

communion: *As consecrated persons, even if mission disperses us in the world, our own way of being consists in "walking together". This requires listening to one another, in our fraternal community, in the vicariate assemblies, in regional and general chapters, in councils* (Editorial of Fr. Gaspar, "NEF", March 2016). This style of mission requires communities in which one practices a true listening, by which we can "communicate what is essential for us", and this has opened up another very current theme, that of communication. The regional chapters submitted to the Commission the proposals concerning the laity, which, with an intensity which varies from one region to another, more and more associate themselves as partners in the mission of Betharram. Religious sent equally their personal contributions which the Commission had read and shared in a meeting and that the Superior General added to the list of

The Church situation in Paraguay

Since the historic call of Monsignor Juan Sinforiano Bogarín, religious of Betharram began an immense work of evangelisation in the field of education in Paraguay.

The breath of the Spirit blessed the Church of this country with these first steps of our history.

Always in communion with the local Church, our colleges - beginning with San José - have formed generations of eminent Catholic citizens.

The Paraguayan Episcopal Conference (CEP) follows the directives of the Second Vatican Council and, consequently, evangelises according to the Conciliar criteria. It announces the presence of God and his mercy; ... and that the reign has already begun in Jesus and continues to grow in the midst of difficulties.

This Latin American country suffers from many miseries, perhaps different from those suffered under other latitudes. In Paraguay, the Church is facing urgent problems:

To make a prophetic voice heard in situations of injustice and oppression by democratic means:

- Strengthening the basic ecclesial communities;
- Preaching a gospel that unites faith and life;
- Promoting the processes of human promotion and liberation
- Nourishing the hope of an authentic path to the Kingdom.

This ecclesiology is not the result of a theory learned at the university, but the one that emerges from confrontation with reality.



Shrine of Caacupé

List of the capitulants

	Prénom	Nom	Age	Première prof.	années de prof.	Ord. presb.	Années ord.
1	P. Aldo	NESPOLI	72	26/9/1969	47	24/9/1977	39
2	P. Angelo	RECALCATI	71	5/10/1963	53	20/6/1971	45
3	P. Piero	TRAMERI	70	1/10/1964	52	28/7/1973	43
4	P. Laurent	BACHO	68	24/9/1970	46	1/9/1976	40
5	P. Tobia	SOSIO	68	1/10/1965	51	28/12/1975	41
6	P. Gaspar	FERNÁNDEZ PÉREZ	67	15/10/1968	48	14/11/1980	36
7	P. Austin	HUGHES	66	2/9/1970	46	24/6/1977	39
8	P. Javier	IRALA	64	19/3/1974	43	10/1/1981	36
9	P. Mario	LONGONI	63	22/9/1974	42	28/6/1980	36
10	P. Enrico	FRIGERIO	62	22/9/1974	42	28/6/1980	36
11	F. Gerard	SUTHERLAND	58	12/06/1981	35	*****	****
12	P. Tiziano	POZZI	58	10/9/1988	28	23/5/1992	25
13	P. Jean-Dominique	DELGUE	57	15/9/1985	31	30/7/1989	27
14	P. Graziano	SALA	57	14/9/1980	36	17/5/1986	31
15	P. Jean-Luc	MORIN	56	10/9/1988	28	11/7/1992	24
16	P. Gustavo	AGÍN	54	24/2/1990	27	04/11/1995	21
17	P. Gérard	ZUGARRAMURDI	54	15/9/2002	14	30/9/2007	9
18	P. Paulo César	PINTO	52	29/11/1987	30	15/11/1991	25
19	F. Émile	GARAT	52	8/9/1990	26	*****	****
20	P. Sergio	GOUARNALUSSE	50	29/2/1988	29	04/11/1995	21
21	P. Fulgencio	FERREIRA	50	12/2/1995	22	11/11/2000	16
22	P. Tidkham	JAILERTRIT	49	14/5/1994	23	30/10/1999	17
23	P. Daniel	GONZÁLEZ	47	19/2/1994	23	25/3/2000	17
24	P. Chan John	KUNU	43	14/5/1994	23	28/6/2003	13
25	P. Biju Anthony	PANTHALUKKARAN	41	14/5/2000	17	17/9/2005	11
26	P. Sylvain Dansou	HOUNKPATIN	41	14/9/1999	17	7/8/2006	10
27	P. Simone	PANZERI	39	16/9/2001	15	9/7/2007	9
28	P. Gleimar	GUILHERME DA SILVA	38	21/12/2008	8	14/12/2014	2
29	P. Stervin Fernando	SELVADASS	37	30/5/1999	18	24/5/2009	8
30	P. Jean-Paul	KISSI	37	28/7/2010	6	11/7/2015	1
31	P. Yesudas	KUTTAPPASSERY	35	9/5/2004	13	8/5/2014	3
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subjects which will be submitted to the attention of the General Chapter.

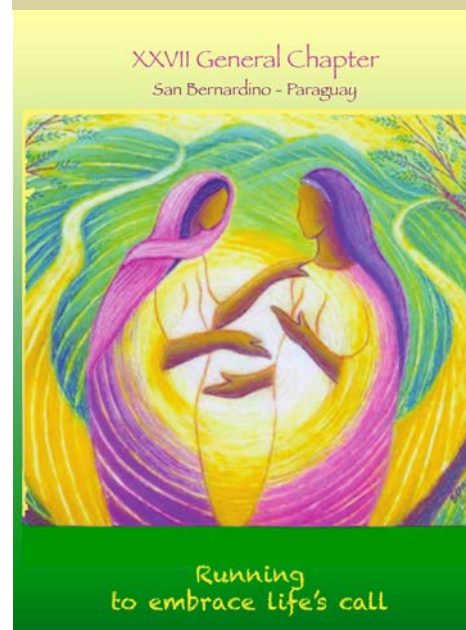
At the end of the meeting, our regard turned on the future, which is already there, in part, before us: our Betharramite community in Vietnam, which for the moment canonically depends on the General Council. Father Gaspar and Father Graziano presented this reality after a recent visit to the two confreres who opened a new road for Betharram in the Far East. A whole day was devoted to the presentation of accounts by the Bursar

General, seconded by Mme Maria Grazia and Mr Luigi Pirovano.

To conclude, I would like to remind you that most of the informations concerning the situation of the three Regions are available in the supplements of the NEF published in November 2016 (Father Auguste Etchecopar Region), January 2017 (St. Mary of the Jesus Crucified Region) and February 2017 (St Michel Garicoits Region), on the official website of our Congregation (www.betharram.net).

Enrico Frigerio sc
Vicar General

The Icon of the XXVII General Chapter



IN OUR 27TH GENERAL CHAPTER WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DISCERNMENT ON THE SITUATION OF OUR CONGREGATION CALLED TO BETTER RESPOND TO THIS "CHURCH GOING FORTH", WANTED BY POPE FRANCIS.

Therefore we would like to begin by contemplating Mary, the first disciple, in the icon of the Visitation. Mary is running with eagerness to serve and to bring Jesus, hidden in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth, who also is pregnant, despite her old age.

Mary could have closed in on herself savoring the tenderness of God and the sublime mission that had been entrusted to her: to be the mother of God. She did not keep the joy of the Gospel for herself, but she ran to share the same joy with her cousin Elizabeth and the child she was carrying in her womb. The disciple became missionary.

In the same way the congregation of Betharram

will review its life so that every religious, every community and every pastoral activity, will join in this missionary outreach required by the new evangelization.

TOWARDS THE GENERAL CHAPTER

The capitulants

HERE ARE THE 31 RELIGIOUS WHO ARE TO GATHER FROM MAY 6 TO 24 IN SAN BERNARDINO (PARAGUAY). THEIR TASK WILL BE:

- To watch over the doctrinal and spiritual patrimony of the Congregation, faithfully respecting the special intentions and designs of the founder as well as the living traditions of the Congregation, ratified by the authority of the Church;
- To treat issues of great importance to the congregation and to take all measures judged useful for the well-being of the congregation;
- To give directions;
- To elect the Superior General and his council;
- To fix the obligatory standards for all members of the Institute;
- To take the required decisions regarding the financial situation;
- To fix the ordinary contributions.

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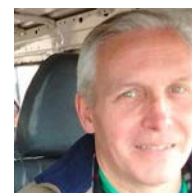
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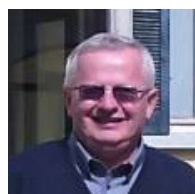
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