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Bamenda

On October 31, 2013, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) appointed **Dom Timothy Kelly**, the Procurator General O.C.S.O., as Pontifical Commissary of Our Lady of **Bamenda**, Cameroon.

As Pontifical Commissary all the administrative authority of the Community is the responsibility of Dom Timothy.

With the generosity of Prior Peter Eghwurdjakpor, OSB, of Ewu-Ishan Priory, Edo State, Nigeria, Dom Timothy appointed **Brother Michael Asogwa**, OSB, a solemnly professed monk of Ewu-Ishan Priory as the Prior Administrator of the Community of Bamenda.

Brother Michael was born in 1964. He entered Ewu-Ishan Priory in 1986 and made solemn profession in 1992. At the time of his appointment, he was Junior Master of the Community of Ewu-Ishan.

Brother Michael will be assisted by **Father Joseph Udo-Udo**, OSB, also of Ewu-Ishan Priory.

Viale Africa

Sister Marie Madeleine Gendry has completed in December 2013 her service as portress at the Generalate and rejoined the monastery of Vitorchiano (Italy). She has not been yet replaced in her service.

The exchange with Pope Francis and the Union of Superiors General

The exchange with Pope Francis and the Union of Superiors General of Men which took place Nov. 29 last year was published for the first time in the latest edition of *Civiltà Cattolica*.

Father Antonio Spadaro, editor-in-chief of the Society of Jesus-owned periodical, was with the 120 superiors general attending the meeting. His 15 page article recounts the free and spontaneous conversation that covered a wide range of issues. (Rome, January 03, 2014 - [Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/pope-religious-must-wake-up-the-world>

<http://www.laciviltacattolica.it/it/>

Miraflores

On January 31, 2014 the community of Miraflores (diocese of Rancagua, Chile) elected as abbot for a six year term, **Father Pedro Barrientos Montalva**.

Dom Pedro was born in 1954 and entered Miraflores in 1982. He made solemn profession in 1987 and was ordained a priest in 1990. At the time of the election, he was prior.

El Encuentro

On February 2, 2014, Mother Aurora Chávez Farias completed her second term of six years as abbess of El Encuentro (diocese of Moralia - Mexico).

On February 3, 2014, the Community elected as abbess for a six year term **Mother Inés Gravier**.

Mother Inés was born in 1941 in Haudonville (France), entered Ubexy in 1962 and made solemn profession in 1967. Sent to Mexico with the group of foundresses of El Encuentro in 1971, she made stability there in 1979 and was elected the first Titular Prioress of El Encuentro in 1979 then the first Abbess of El Encuentro in 1995 for a six year term. Mother Inés was appointed Superior *ad nutum* of Belval in 2006. She was appointed Apostolic Administrator of Notre Dame du Val d'Igny in 2008 and was serving in that capacity at the time of her election.

Alloz

Mother Rosa Santos Sánchez, Abbess of the monastery of San José de **Alloz** (diocese of Pamplona – Spain) since 1990, presented her resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on 13 January 2012.

Dom Juan Javier Martín Hernández, Abbot of San Isidro and Father Immediate of Alloz, appointed **Sister María del Carmen Etchegaray Auzmendi** of the monastery of La Palma as Superior *ad nutum*. She will begin her service on 25 February 2014.

Mother María del Carmen was born in 1956 in Pamplona (Navarra – Spain), entered the monastery of La Palma (Cartagena, Murcia – Spain) in 1979 and made solemn profession in 1985. She was cellarer before her appointment.

Nazareth

Mother Beatrijs Peeters completed her second term of six years as abbess of Nazareth (Brecht - Belgium) on February 27, 2014. On the same day, Mother Beatrijs was re-elected Abbess of the Community for a six year term.

Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu

On March 17 2014, we will celebrate the centenary of the birth of Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu. We entrust to her the life and the unity of all our communities.

Kurisumala

On April 4, 2014, at the end of the second abbatial term of Dom Yesudas Thelliyil, the Community of Kurisumala (diocese of Tiruvalla, India) elected as abbot, for a six year term, **Father Ishananda Machiyanickal**.

Dom Ishananda born in Bharananganam (Kerala - India) in 1943, entered the monastery in 1966, made solemn profession in 1973 and was ordained priest in 1978. At the time of his election he was Prior.

Campénéac

On April 4, 2014, the Community of la **Joie Notre Dame, Campénéac** (diocese of Vannes, France) elected as Abbess, for a six year term, **Mother Marie Joseph Dhanger**.

Mother Marie Joseph was born in 1955, entered Campénéac in 1988 and made solemn profession in 1994. At the time of her election, she was Superior *ad nutum* of Campénéac.

Kokoubou

On April 5, 2014, at the end of the second term as Titular Prior of Dom Jean Forestier, the Community of Kokoubou (diocese of Parakou, Benin) postulated as Titular Prior for a six year term **Father Marcellin Dekadjevi**. The dispensation for his short time of profession was granted by the Holy See and the election confirmed by the Abbot General.

Dom Marcellin born in Benin in 1965, entered the monastery in 2001, made solemn profession in 2007 and was ordained priest in 2013. At the time of the election he was sub prior.

Mellifont

On April 10, 2014, the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CIVCSVA) appointed **Dom Richard Purcell**, Abbot of Mount St Joseph, Roscrea, Ireland, as Pontifical Commissary of **Mellifont Abbey**, Ireland.

As Pontifical Commissary Dom Richard has the full governing powers for the Community.

Ajimu

Mother Joanna Sato, Abbess of **Ajimu** (Japan) since 1988, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented her resignation to the General Chapter of 2011 who accepted her resignation (vote 31) and asked the resignation become effective six months before the next General Chapter (vote 32).

This resignation became effective on April 21, 2014, and the same day, Dom Dom Paul Houix, Abbot of Bricquebec and Father Immediate of Ajimu, appointed **Mother Joanna** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community.

Oita

On April 24, 2014, at the end of his first term as Prior, **Dom Raphaël Shioya Hisashi** was re-elected Titular Prior of **Oita** (Japan) for a new six year term.

Koutaba

On April 27, 2014, at the end of the first term as Prior of Dom Honoré Uzele Mamba, an election was held at **Koutaba**, in the diocese of Bafoussam (Cameroon), which was inconclusive.

After following the required procedures the Father Immediate, Dom Eric Antoine, Abbot of Aiguebelle and Father Immediate of Koutaba, appointed **Fr. Etienne Harding Mboule** as Superior *ad nutum* on April 28, 2014.

Dom Etienne Harding was born in Yaoundé in (Cameroon) 1970 and entered Koutaba in 2001. He made his solemn profession in 2008 and was ordained priest in 2013. At the time of his appointment he was Novice Master.

Gethsemani

On April 29, 2014, at the end of his first abbatial term, **Dom Elias Dietz** was re-elected abbot of **Gethsemani** (USA), for a six year term.

Val d'Igny

On February 3, 2014, Mother Inés Gravier, Apostolic Administrator of Notre Dame du Val d'Igny since 2008, was elected as abbess of El Encuentro (Mexico) for a six year term.

On May 13, 2014, the Community of Notre Dame du Val d'Igny elected as abbess for for a undetermined mandate, **Sister Isabelle Valez**.

Mother Isabelle was born in 1958 Montpellier (France). She entered Igny in 1994 and made her solemn profession in 2000. At the time of the election, she was prioress of the Community.

Monastic Formators' Programme 2015

15 March 2015 (arrival) - to 12th June 2015 (departure)

This English-language Programme has now run for over 10 years, with over 300 men and women participating from over 40 countries. On this course participants meet with monastics from all over the world and have the experience of being instructed by some of the best monastic teachers of our time. Rooted in the teaching of St Benedict and the monastic tradition it addresses contemporary issues and aspects of human and spiritual growth. It is hoped that this Programme can continue to be of service to our communities.

Further information can be obtained from the Director, Fr Brendan Thomas

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Wrentham

On May 20, 2014, Mother Maureen McCabe completed her first term of six years as Abbess of Mount St Mary's Abbey, Wrentham (USA). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for a new six year term.

Zenarruza

On May 30, 2014, Dom Isaac Totorica Izaguirre, Abbot of the monastery of la Oliva (Spain) and Father Immediate of the monastery of Zenarruza (Spain), appointed **Father Antonio Maria Martín Fernández Gallardo**, a monk of San Isidro, as Superior *ad nutum* of Zenarruza. Antonio Maria will begin his service on May 31, 2014.

Dom Antonio Maria was born in 1954 in Torrijos (Spain). He entered San Isidro in 1981, made his solemn profession in 1987 and was ordained priest in 1991.

Clairefontaine

Mother Anne-Marie Dusart completed her term as Abbess of the monastery of **Clairefontaine** (diocese of Namur - Belgium) on 9 June, 2014. Dom Lode Van Hecke, Abbot of Orval and Father Immediate of Clairefontaine, appointed **Sister Marcelle Bodson** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community. She began her service on 12 June 2014.

Mother Marcelle was born in 1948 in Namur (Belgium), entered Clairefontaine in 1971 and made solemn profession in 1977.

Carrizo

Mother Margarita Martínez Arzallus, Abbess of the monastery of Sta. María de **Carrizo** (diocese of León, Spain) since 2009, presented her resignation to the Abbot General. On 10 June 2014, the Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation which became effective on 15 June 2014. On 15 June 2014, Dom Alejandro Castro Rodríguez, Abbot of Viaceli and Father Immediate of Carrizo, appointed **Mother Blanca Esther López LLarena** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community. She began her service on that same day.

Mother Blanca has been abbess of Carrizo several times from 1979 to 2009. At the time of her appointment, she was novice mistress and junior mistress.

Spencer

On June 17, 2014, **Dom Damian Carr** completed his third term of six years as Abbot of Spencer (USA). On the same day, he was re-elected Abbot of the Community for a new six year term.

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