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### **Hinojo**

On January 1, 2013, **Mother María Marcenaro** completed her third term of six years as Abbess of Hinojo (Argentina). On the same day, Mother María was re-elected Abbess of the Community for a new six year term.

### **Nasi Pani**

On January 18, 2013, the Foundation of **Naší Paní**, in the diocese of Prague (Czech Republic), was raised to a Simple Priory, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2011.

On January 19, 2013, **Mother Lucia Tartara**, Superior since the time of foundation, was elected the first Titular Prioress of the Community.

### **Victoria**

On February 7, 2013, the Community of Victoria (diocese of Masaka, Uganda) elected as abbot, for a six year term, **Dom John Bosco Kamali**.

**Dom John Bosco** was born in 1973 in Burungu (Dem. Rep. of Congo) and entered Mokoto in 1995. He made his solemn profession in 1998 and was ordained a priest in 2011. At the time of his election, he was Superior *ad nutum* of Victoria.

### **Quilvo**

**Mother Lodovica Busatto**, Abbess of Nuestra Señora de Quilvo (Chile) since 1998, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented her resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on January 21, 2013.

On February 11, 2013, the Community elected as abbess for a six year term, **Sister Mariela Jeres Pereira**.

**Mother Mariela** was born in 1974, entered Quilvo in 1996 and made solemn profession in 2003. At the time of her election, Mother Mariela was Mistress of Novices.

## **2013 - The Venerable Seniors of the Order**

#### **Sister Angèle of Bonneval**

Sister Angèle was born on June 25, 1910 in Auzits (France) and entered Bonneval on December 5, 1945.

#### **Father Luke of Conyers**

Father Luke Kot was born on August 03, 1911 in Great Falls (USA) and entered Gethsemani on October 28, 1938.

#### **Sister Katherine of Bon Conseil**

Sister Katherine Kelly was born on Nov. 19, 1911 in Magnalia, New Jersey (USA) and entered Bon Conseil on August 14, 1953.

#### **Brother Dries of St Sixte**

Brother Dries Huyghe was born on May 21, 1912 in Bruges (Belgium) and entered St Sixte on July 11, 1966.

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In 2013,  
7 brothers and sisters  
celebrate their one hundreth birthday!

The community of Blauvac has already celebrated **Sr Edwige's** centenary.

**Sister Edwige Talagrand** was born on February 02, 1913  
and entered the monastery on March 11, 1941.

During the year, we will also celebrate :

**Father Bernard de Give**, of Scourmont  
(born on May 8, 1913 and entered the monastery on June 02, 1972)

**Father Tillo Declercq**, of Westmalle  
(born on August 10 , 1913 and entered the monastery on May 17, 1960)

**Father Godefroid Bouvier des Noes**, of la Trappe  
(born on August 24, 1913 and entered the monastery on November 1, 1932)

**Sister Guerric Marq**, of Echourgnac  
(born on August 29, 1913 and entered the monastery on January 15, 1936)

**Dom Claudius Valour**, of les Neiges  
(born on October 5, 1913 and entered the monastery on October 31, 1936)

**Brother Aimable Flipo**, of Mont-des-Cats  
(born on December 23, 1913 and entered the monastery on October 3, 1933)

We thank our brothers and sisters  
for their witness and their fidelity !

### **Huerta**

On February 17, 2013, at the end of the third term, **Dom Isidoro M<sup>a</sup> Anguita Fontecha** was reelected Abbot of **Sta. M<sup>a</sup> de Huerta** (Spain) for a new term of six years.

### **Zundert**

On March 23, 2013, at the end of his first abbatial term, **Dom Daniel Hombergen** was re-elected abbot of **Zundert** (The Netherlands), for a new six year term.

### **Healthcare Monastery at Monte Si3n**

On April 6th, the Healthcare Monastery which the Spanish Region and the Congregation of St Bernard have set up at **Monte Si3n** (Toledo, Spain), was inaugurated. It will cater for elderly and sick monks and nuns (mostly nuns), as well as for members of our communities which are closing down and who wish to go there. This idea for this project began to take shape February 2007, and has now come to completion.

The Mass of Thanksgiving was presided by the Abbot General, Dom Eamon, who also blessed the building.

### **Naming the Abbot in the Eucharistic Prayer**

At the U.S Regional Meeting in March, there was an off-the-record discussion about whether the Abbot should be named in the Eucharistic Prayer.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* no. 149 mentions four titles (besides "bishop") that may be named in the Eucharistic Prayer: "The Diocesan Bishop, or one who is equivalent to the Diocesan Bishop in law, must be mentioned by means of this formula: *together with your servant N., our Pope, and N., our Bishop (or Vicar, Prelate, Prefect, Abbot).*" Each of these is "equivalent to

the Diocesan Bishop in law" by virtue of their appointment to act on behalf of the Supreme Pontiff within their territory.

Canons 370 and 371 of the Code of Canon Law (CIC) provide an explanation of these terms. The one who is "equivalent to the Diocesan Bishop in law" includes those designated by the Pope to shepherd, in his name, a territorial prelature or territorial abbacy.

As the *NewsLetter* of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Divine Worship for March 2013, page 12, explain

s: "It is important to note that the reference to an abbot is not to all abbots, but only an abbot *nullius dioceseos* (*i.e.*, attached to no diocese) (cf. CIC, canon 370). Such abbots have responsibility not only for their particular abbey, but a certain defined territory beyond the abbey as well. There are only eleven such territorial abbacies still in existence (six in Italy, two in Switzerland, and one each in Austria, Hungary, and North Korea; (cf. *Annuario Pontificio* 2012)."

Therefore, unless he is an abbot *nullius* of one of these eleven territorial abbacies, an abbot is not to be named in the Eucharistic Prayer.

Fr. Justin (Genesee)  
Central Secretary for Liturgy

### **Baumgarten**

Dom Théophane Lavens, Superior *ad nutum* of Oelenberg and Father Immediate of Baumgarten (diocese of Strasbourg - France), appointed **Sister Marie Mouris**, a nun of Val d'Igny, as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community of Baumgarten. She began her service on 19 April 2013.

**Mother Marie** was born in 1953 in Luxembourg (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg), entered Igny in 1982 and made solemn profession in 1988.

### **La Clarté-Dieu**

On April 21, 2013, Mother Jeanne Lubingo completed her term as Abbess of the monastery of La Clarté-Dieu (diocese of Bukavu - Democratic Republic of the Congo).

On the same day, the Community elected as abbess for a six year term **Mother Hortense Mituga**. Until recently **Mother Hortense** was Superior *ad nutum* of the Community of Grandselve (Cameroon).

### **Désert**

Dom Jean-Marie Couvreur, Abbot of Ste Marie du Désert (diocese of Toulouse - France) since 1987, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented his resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on April 2, 2013.

On May 1st, 2013, the Community of Ste Marie du Désert elected as abbot for a undetermined mandate, **Father Pierre-André Burton**.

**Dom Pierre-André** was born in 1963 in Salzinnes (Belgium). He entered Scourmont in 1987, made his solemn profession in 1992, went to Desert in 1996 and made stability there in 1999. He was ordained priest in 2003. At the time of the election, he was sub prior.

### **A centenarian at Scourmont**

Father Bernard (Michel) de GIVE was born in Liege, Belgium, on **May 8, 1913**.

He entered the Society of Jesus in 1931, and became a Cistercian at the abbey of **Scourmont** in 1972.

So he has been a Cistercian for 41 years, after being a Jesuit for 41 years!

As a Jesuit, after his studies in philosophy, theology and philology in Belgium, he was a professor in Sri Lanka (then known as Ceylon) and in India from 1947 to 1955. Returning to Belgium, he was professor in various faculties until the time of his entry to Scourmont. During this period he published a Latin grammar, still in use and in its 14<sup>th</sup> edition.

**As a monk of Scourmont** he has served the community in many different ways. Always open and young in spirit, he is still **librarian** in the community, concerned to keep up to date especially the scripture, patristic, theology and monastic sections, without forgetting literature.

An expert in Tibetan Buddhism - he studied the language for many years - , he was one of the pioneers of **Monastic Interreligious Dialogue (MID)**, and an active member until recent years.

*Cahiers Scourmontois* has just published a collection of his **poems**. He has written several hundred of them over more than sixty years.

See <http://www.scourmont.be/cahiers/cahiers.htm>

Happy Birthday,  
Father Bernard!  
And thank you  
for your witness and your fidelity...

### **Cardeña**

On May 7, 2013, the Community of Santa María de los Mártires de San Pedro de **Cardeña** (diocese of Burgos, Spain) elected as abbot, for a six year term, **Dom Roberto de la Iglesia Pérez**.

**Dom Roberto** was born in 1969 and entered Cardeña in 1993. He made solemn profession in 1999 and was ordained a priest in 2010. At the time of his election, he was Superior *ad nutum* of Cardeña.

### **Glencairn**

On May 31, 2013, **Mother Marie Fahy** completed her second term of six years as Abbess of St. Mary's Abbey (Glencairn – Ireland). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for a new six year term.

### **Grandselve**

The participants of the General Chapter of 2011 will remember the proposals made to help the community of **Grandselve** (f. 1968) overcome longstanding difficulties to secure a viable monastic community life. Among the proposals were a time of rest and renewal for the sisters in other communities of the Order, the help of other sisters from RAFMA, and the possibility of a transfer of the community to another location in Cameroon. The community at that time was made up of 9 sisters, 4 of them with stability at Grandselve (3 solemnly professed and one temporary professed, at that time at l'Etoile N.-D., Benin) and 5 sisters from other communities, one of them being the Superior *ad nutum* and another Novicemistress.

Following on the General Chapter the community discussed the project; a site for a possible transfer in the future was found and during 2012 there were meetings of the community and/or parties involved in the project: the meeting of the African Superiors at Scourmont in February-March; the visit of the Commission of Aid to Grandselve in May 2012; the visit of the Abbot General with M. Regina (member of the Commission of Aid) in July, 2012 and the visit of the delegated Father Immediate, Dom Vedaste, in November 2012.

A fact that became evident during this time was that the community had difficulty in maintaining the consensus it seemed to have arrived at about plans for its future. In January of 2013 the Abbot General wrote to Dom Vedaste and suggested that he present the situation at the forthcoming RAFMA meeting to see if the Region could help in one way or another. At the meeting, which Dom Timothy and M. Regina attended, the Superiors of RAFMA, after lengthy discussions, said that it was not possible to give the help in personnel that was required and considered that monastic life was no longer viable there. M. Hortense, Superior *ad Nutum* of Grandselve, made it known that she did not feel able to continue her service and intended to ask to be relieved of her responsibilities and to return to her community of Clarte-Dieu.

In these circumstances the situation came back again for consideration by the Abbot General and his council, who, in the course of several meetings reviewed the evolution since the General Chapter of 2011 and the complexities of the actual situation. It seemed that the solution was to disperse the community without dissolving it. At their meeting of March 4, 2013, the Abbot General and his Council, acting in the name of the General Chapter (C. 82.2), took the decision to disperse the community of Grandselve, composed of 3 solemnly professed sisters and one temporary professed.

Following this decision the Abbot General asked Dom Vedaste to go to Grandselve to inform the

sisters of the decision and to supervise the process of dispersal of the sisters to other communities of the Order. He asked M. Regina to assist Dom Vedaste in this undertaking.

M. Regina left for Grandselve on March 13, 2013. Because of an outbreak of fighting not far from Mokoto Dom Vedaste was not able to join M. Regina until the second week of April (10-16). So it was left to M. Regina, assisted by Br. Etienne of Koutaba, to prepare the community for the project of dispersal. After a considerable period of discussion and reflection the Sisters chose the community to which each one wished to go. All the sisters departed by May 8. M. Regina returned to Rome on May 11, 2013.

As regards the property and the material aspects of the matter, Dom Honore of Koutaba (Father Immediate) generously sent two monks to look after this aspect of the dispersion. At present 3 monks of Koutaba and a monk of Mokoto are in residence there, assisted by three employees. They await the arrival of another religious community (Carmelite or Spiritan) which has expressed interest in availing of the site provisionally.

Let us pray for the Sisters of the community of Grandselve at this time.

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### **Modifications to the Elenchus Monasteriorum :**

E-mail Addresses and internet site addresses are regularly updated on the site <http://www.ocso.org>, so they are not mentioned here

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