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Central Secretary for Formation

OCTOBER 05, 2011

Wednesday, September 28, after closing of the General Chapter, the abbot general presided at a meeting of the Central Commission, during which the election of the central secretary for formation took place. **Dom Santiago Fidel Ordoñez**, a member of the abbot general's council, and **M. Ana-Maria Montero** of Humocaró, who will assist him, were elected almost unanimously. According to no. 70 of the *Ratio Institutionis*, their mandate is for three years and can be renewed.

Viale Africa

OCTOBER 21, 2011

The community of Viale Africa had the joy of welcoming a new cook after the Chapter: **Sr. Virginia Ventura** (Matutum).

Since **Sr. Marie-Bernard de Wilde**, secretary at the Generalate since 2009, will return to her community (Klaarland) shortly, **Sr. Claire Boutin** (Echourgnac), who held the same position from 2006 to 2009 and has also been working as portress since 2010, is once again in charge of the secretariat.

M. Ana María Montero (Humocaró) will replace Sr. Claire as portress.

"Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace" at Assisi

NOVEMBER 05, 2011

Dom Eamon was an invited guest to the **"Day of Reflection, Dialogue and Prayer for Peace and Justice in the World"** at Assisi on 27 October. The invitation came from the Secretary of State, Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, "in consideration of the particular dedication of the Order in the delicate area of interreligious dialogue." There were five persons invited as special quests. Dom Eamon and the Superior General of the *Little Sisters of Jesus* were the only religious. The others were the President of the *Fraternity of Communion and Liberation*, the Founder of the *Community of Sant'Egidio*, and President of the *Focolari Movement*. The *Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace* was responsible for organizing the event.

The group traveled by train leaving the Vatican train station at eight in the morning and arriving in Assisi at 9:30. The train moved very slowly through some of the train stations of the small towns on the route where the population was present to greet the Pope as the Papal Train passed.

The morning session was held at "Santa Maria degli Angeli" where the representatives of the various religions spoke very briefly. There were 176 people representing not only the world religions, but "all people of good will seeking the truth". His Holiness Benedict XVI had established the theme as "Pilgrims of Truth, Pilgrims of Peace".

After a frugal meal in the beautiful medieval refectory of the Franciscan Community the participants were given rooms in Domus Pacis for a time of personal prayer and reflection.

The afternoon session was on the plaza in front of the Basilica of San Francisco in Assisi proper. This was more of a cultural event with a group of professionals of the Focolari Movement presenting an interpretive musical and dance interspersed with statements by the participants re-committing themselves to seeking the truth that will establish the world in justice in peace.

The return trip brought the participants to the Vatican train station about eight in the evening.

Warning

NOVEMBER 05, 2011

Requests for donations to defray the expenses of a trip for the Prefect of the Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Apostolic Life to the Great Lakes region of Africa – Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo – signed by Dom Eamon are obviously spurious.

The sender is the Nunciature Apostolica and person in charge is a Fr. Mpetshi Claude Betshindo, Rue Des Missions n° 4.

Do not respond in anyway to such requests.

Esmeraldas

NOVEMBER 05, 2011

During the Regular Visitation of Santa Maria de la Esperanza, Esmeraldas, Ecuador, Madre Mireya Sanchez Martinez offered her resignation to the Abbot General.

Following the acceptance of the resignation by the Abbot General and his Council on October 29, 2011, the decision was made by the Father Immediate, Dom Stanislaus Gumula, after consulting the community and receiving the consent of the Abbot General, to appoint a Superior *ad nutum*.

On October 31, 2011, **Madre Yosúa Llorente de la Peña** was appointed.

Madre Yosúa was born in Spain on June 3, 1948. She entered Tulebras on June 23, 1982, making Solemn Profession on May 15, 1986. She was one of the founders of Esmeraldas in 1989.

At the time of her appointment, Madre Yosúa was Subprioress.

Boschi

NOVEMBER 15, 2011

On November 13, 2011, the Community of Madonna dell'Unione of Boschi, in the diocese of Mondovi (Italy) , was raised to a **Major Priory**, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2011.

On the same day, **Dom Lino Colosio**, Titular Prior since 2008, was re-elected Prior of the Community for an undetermined mandate.

Latroun

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

(On the Web Site Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, <http://fr.lpj.org/>)

Dom René Hascoët was elected fifth Abbot of the Trappist Abbey of Latroun, located between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, on June 30, 2011. It's a permanent mandate. Before his election Dom René exercised the service of Superior *ad nutum* since June 15, 2008.

On November 13, the new Abbot received from the hands of Bishop Marcuzzo the abbatial blessing in order to be "filled by the gifts of the Spirit." Bishop Marcuzzo replaced the Latin Patriarch, Fouad Twal, currently in Beirut (Lebanon) to the Council of Catholic Patriarchs of the Orient.

Archbishop Antonio Franco (Apostolic Nuncio in Israel and Apostolic Delegate in Jerusalem and the Palestinian territories), Archbishop Paul Nabil Sayah (Vicar General of the Maronites), and Bishop Grégoire Pierre Melki (Patriarchal Exarch Syrian Catholic Church of Jerusalem) surrounded Bishop Marcuzzo. Also present were the Abbot of the Mother Abbey of Sept-Fons Dom Patrick Olive and forty priests. The Consul General of France was there too. In the assembly, there were also Arabic and Hebrew speaking faithful, brothers and sisters of Abu Gosh who led the singing and a large number of representatives of religious communities.

Tamié

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

On November 17th, 2011, the community of Tamié (France) postulated as abbot for an indefinite term **Brother Ginepro Riva**.

Dom Ginepro was born in 1948, entered Tamié in 2001 and made his solemn profession in 2005. He has completed his theological studies and will be ordained to the priesthood in the near future. At the moment of his postulation, his was prior.

After receiving the necessary dispensation from the Holy See and the confirmation from the abbot general, the new abbot will be installed.

Ubexy

DECEMBER 5, 2011

In a decree dated October 18, 2011 the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, at the request of the General Chapter (vote 69), granted the suppression of the monastery of Ubexy and its fusion with the community of Val d'Igny. Accordingly, Mother Christine Aptel, abbess of Ubexy, offered her resignation to the abbot general, who accepted it with the consent of his council. Her resignation became effective on November 29, 2011.

Bon Conseil

DECEMBER 10, 2011

The community of Bon Conseil (Saint-Benoît-Labre, Canada) had the joy or celebrating the hundredth

birthday of two sisters.

Sr. Isabelle St-Cyr, born March 28, 1911. She still holds herself straight as a rod, and is always wondering why people raise their voice when speaking to her since she is not at all deaf. Blessed with an excellent memory, she gives lively accounts of the countless details of community life. During her noviciate, she got to know well the sisters who were to enter Wrentham and had been sent to Bon Conseil for formation, among them M. Angela. She follows the life of the community, the Order and the Church daily, with an enviable discernment and lucidity.

Sr. Katherine Kelly, born November 19, 1911. In her thank-you note written the day after the celebration of her hundredth birthday, she wrote in English: "I am almost blind, I am deaf, my knees can no longer support my weight and my fingers can no longer hold a pen to write. Furthermore, almost no one speaks English here and I hardly know any French. But as for love, that is another matter; it is expressed through smiles and a sparkle in the eye, and I am ready to go on loving for another 100 years down here and certainly in heaven. Love is the word."

Lamanabi

DECEMBER 10, 2011

On the 8th of December 2011, at the end of his first mandate, **Dom Michael Santana** was reelected titular prior of Our Lady of Lamanabi, in the Diocese of Larantuka (Indonesia), for a six year term.

Fratocchie

DECEMBER 10, 2011

Following the resignation of Dom Thomas Georgeon, effective on June 27, 2011, Dom Jacques DELESALLE, Abbot of Mont-des-Cats and Father Immediate of Fratocchie, appointed **Father José Otero**, monk of Azul (Argentina), as superior *ad nutum* of Fratocchie in the Diocese of Albano (Italy). The appointment became effective on December 8, 2011.

Dom José was born in 1943, entered Azul in 1977, made solemn profession in 1983 and was ordained a priest in 1988. At the moment of his appointment, he was Prior.

Nový Dvur

DECEMBER 12, 2011

On the 8th of December 2011, the Community of Our Lady of Nový Dvur (Czech Rep.) was raised to the rank of **Abbey**, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2011.

On the same day, **Dom Samuel Lauras**, titular prior since 2007, was elected first abbot of Nový Dvur for an indefinite term. That same day, Dom Samuel's election was confirmed by the abbot general and he was installed; he received the abbatial blessing on December 12.

Conference of Dom Eamon during the Assembly of USG

DECEMBER 14, 2011

On November 24, during the biannual Assembly of the **Union of Superiors General (USG)**, whose theme was: "Transmitting faith: from the Theological Seminar on Consecrated Life to the Synod on the New Evangelization", **the abbot general** gave a conference entitled: "*The Interaction Between Consecrated Life and the New Evangelization : a Monastic Response*" in which he proposed a reflection on the "Lineamenta" for the Thirteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, relating them to the present-day situation of monastic life.

Text on the Order's website. :  [Dom Eamon-USG 2011-EN](#)

Val d'Igny - Ubexy

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Since the Holy See has agreed to the fusion of the community of Ubexy with that of Val d'Igny, M. Christine Aptel has resigned as abbess of Ubexy.

Consequently, M. Ines Gravier, apostolic administrator of Val d'Igny, has delegated **M. Marie-Rose Flandre** as superior of Ubexy until the fusion of the two communities becomes effective (around Easter).

Los Andes

DECEMBER 15, 2011

On December 15, 2011, at the end of his second term as Prior, **Dom Plácido Alvarez Castro Quiros** was re-elected Titular Prior of Los Andes (Venezuela) for a new six year term.

New Vigil Mass of Epiphany

DECEMBER 20, 2011

Since no readings are specified for the **new vigil Mass of Epiphany**, Fr. Justin of Genesee thought some of the many options provided for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord could be used. He put the question to the US Secretariat for Divine Worship.

Fr Daniel Merz of the Secretariat replied as follows:

"You've asked a very good question! This was posed to the Congregation in Rome recently. They are aware of the lacuna and are working on it. In the meantime, what you propose is a fitting solution, especially as the themes for the two feasts do, in fact, overlap, both being feasts of manifestation."

Accordingly, Genesee has selected readings to be used at the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany, and these may be found on page 7 in [ORDO GENESEE 2011-2012](#), which is now on the Order's website.

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