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Information Bulletins

Thursday, 14 June 2012

Since all the monasteries of the Order have access to the Internet and the news that appears regularly on our Web site, in the future, the Information Bulletins will appear twice a year: in June and in December.

Mellifont

Saturday, 16 June 2012

On June 14, 2012, Dom Richard Purcell, Abbot of Mount St Joseph Abbey, Roscrea (Ireland) and Father Immediate Delegate of Mellifont Abbey (Ireland), appointed **Father Joseph Ryan** as Superior *ad nutum* of Mellifont Abbey. Dom Joseph will begin his service on June 24, 2012 and he will replace Dom Laurence McDermott who has been Superior *ad nutum* of Mellifont since May 2011.

Dom Joseph was born in 1956 in Tipperary (Ireland). He entered Mellifont in 1991, made his solemn profession in 1996 and was ordained priest in 2012. He was Prior of the Community before the appointment.

Arévalo

Tuesday, 03 July 2012

On July 2, 2012, at the end of her third mandate, **Mother Esther Muñoz Martin** has been re-elected Abbess of Santa María la Real de Arévalo (Diocese of Ávila, Spain) for an indefinite term.

The ninth centenary of St Bernard's entry into the Abbey of Cîteaux

Monday, 06 August 2012

On the occasion of the ninth centenary of St Bernard's entry into the Abbey of Cîteaux, Dom Olivier, abbot of Cîteaux, has asked us to pass on the following invitation to all the members of the Order:

Our community is going to celebrate the ninth centenary of St Bernard's entering Cîteaux (1112 or 1113?). To mark the event, we are setting up a campaign of prayer for vocations, from 20th August 2012 to 20th August 2013. We invite you to join us with this prayer:

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Most gracious Father,
in setting up the New Monastery
our fathers followed the poor Christ into the desert.
Thus they lived the Gospel
by rediscovering the Rule of Saint Benedict in its purity.
You gave Bernard of Fontaine
the ability to make this new life attractive and appealing to others,
in the joy of the Holy Spirit.
Grant that we today, after their example,
may live our charism deeply in a spirit of peace, unity, humility,
and above all, in the charity which surpasses all other gifts.
May men and women of our time
be newly called to follow the Gospel in monastic life,
in the service of the Church's mission, and in a world forgetful of You.
Remember Lord, Cîteaux,
where Bernard arrived with his companions.*

*May the brothers there
continue to live in the enthusiastic and generative spirit of the founders.
Remember all who live the Cistercian charism.
Remember all Cistercian communities,
those which are aging and those newly-born,
in all parts of the world, north and south, east and west.
Let them not lose courage in times of trial,
but turn to her whom Bernard called the Star of the Sea.
Holy Father,
from whom we have already received so much,
grant us again your blessing
that our communities may grow in numbers,
but above all in grace and in wisdom, to your glory,
who are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.*

Oelenberg

Thursday, 09 August 2012

During the Visitation in the **Abbaye of Oelenberg** (France), Dom Antonio Lé pore, Abbot of Oelenberg since 2004, has offered his resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his council, the Abbot General accepted his resignation and it became effective on August 4, 2012.

Huambo

Saturday, 11 August 2012

Mother Florença Kalumbo Raimondo, Prioress of **Huambo** (Soké - Angola) since 2000, presented her resignation to the Abbot General on 1 July 2012. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on 5 July 2012.

Dom Jacques Brière, Abbot of Tre Fontane and Father Immediate of Huambo, appointed **Sister Manuela Salvadori** as Superior *ad nutum*. She begun her service on 25 July 2012.

Mother Manuela was born in 1954 in Volterra (Italy), entered Valserena in 1979 and made solemn profession in 1986. She was sent to Huambo in 1991 and made her stability there in 1995. She was novice mistress before her appointment.

Monastic Formators' Programme 2013

Monday, 13 August 2012

Rome : 10th March (arrival) to 7th June (departure)

This **English-language** Programme has now run for over 10 years, with over 250 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. Applications for the 2013 Programme should be made before the beginning of October 2012.

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

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Death of the oldest monk of the Order

Tuesday, 14 August 2012

New Melleray, July 29, 2012 : **Father Daniel Lenihan**

Father Daniel Lenihan was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 28, 1907. After serving in WWII he entered New Melleray Abbey on May 7, 1946. He received the habit on Sept. 8, 1946, Solemn vows Sept. 12, 1951, Ordained a priest on May 3, 1955. He died one day after his 105th birthday! He had been in monastic vows for 63 years and 57 years a priest when the Lord called him.

Father Daniel was the oldest monk of the Order.

Esmeraldas

Saturday, 18 August 2012

On August 17, 2012 the community of Sta. Ma. de la Esperanza, Esmeraldas (Ecuador) elected as Titular Prioress for a six year term **Mother Yosúa Llorente de la Peña**.

At the time of her election, **Mother Yosúa** had been superior *ad nutum* of Esmeraldas since October 2011.

Day of celebration at Mokoto

Wednesday, 22 August 2012

Our brothers of **Mokoto** were driven from their monastery by the war in 1996. At first they split up, but quickly reconvened in a provisional monastery at Keshero, in the suburbs of Goma, where they lived for more than ten years. A few years ago they began to reconstruct their monastery in Mokoto, and returned there on January 18, 2011.

On August 20, 2012, the solemnity of St Bernard, the completely-rebuilt church was consecrated by Mgr Théophile KABOY, bishop of Goma.

Latroun

Wednesday, 05 September 2012

Acts of vandalism and anti-Christian graffiti

Vandals set fire on the doors of the Abbey of Latroun, which is 15 kilometers west of Jerusalem. This happened at dawn on September 4. The perpetrators also sprayed blasphemous graffiti on the walls of the monastery. The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem condemns these acts of aggression and indignation.

New anti-Christian crime. This is not the first time that the Patriarchate expressed "indignation" over acts of vandalism, disgraceful and hideous" that "dishonor Christian sites in Israel and attack the person of Christ, Son of this Holy Land.

From the Website of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Miraflores

Monday, 17 September 2012

On September 15, 2012, the community of **Our Lady of Miraflores**, Chile, was raised to the rank of **Abbey**, in accordance with vote 36 of the 2011 General Chapter.

On September 17, 2012, **Dom Francisco Lagos**, titular prior since 2010, was elected first **abbot** of Miraflores for a six-year term. The confirmation and installation took place on the same day. The abbatial blessing will be held on November 30, 2012.

Death of Dom Polycarpe Zakar

Friday, 21 September 2012 10:14

We have been advised of the death of **Dom Polycarpe Zakar**, on 17 September 2012. Dom Polycarp was Abbot General of the Order of Citeaux (O.Cist) from 1985 to 1995. The funeral will take place in Zirc (Hungary) on Monday 24 September at 3 p.m.

Oelenberg

Sunday, 30 September 2012

On September 29, 2012, Dom Jean-Marc Thevenet, Abbot of Acey and, by delegation, Father Immediate of Oelenberg, appointed **Father Théophane Lavens** as Superior *ad nutum* of Oelenberg.

Dom Théophane was born in 1977; he entered Oelenberg in 1999, made his solemn profession in 2004 and was ordained priest in 2008. He was Guest Master before the appointment.

Ordo 2012-2013

Tuesday, 02 October 2012

A copy of **the Latin Ordo for 2012-2013** is now available on the website, and can be downloaded in PDF format : (« Resources/Liturgy/Ordo »). Thanks to Fr. Justin of Genesee !

Viale Africa

Monday, 08 October 2012

Sister Virginia Ventura has completed her service at the Generalate as cook and will return to her monastery of Matutum (Philippines). Sister has been replaced by **Sister Bernarda Hoshiba** of the monastery of Nasu (Japan).

Local initiatives

Friday, 12 October 2012

We would like to announce that there is a new page on this website : "**Local Initiatives**" in the "**News**" category. From now on, short notices (who? when? what?) will be published about various events which are taking place in the monasteries; more detailed information will be available in attachments to these notices. (N.B.: The notices will not be translated; they will be published only in the original language).

Guimaras

Monday, 15 October 2012

At the request of the Abbot General, the abbot of Kopua, Dom Brian Keogh, assisted by Dom Tarcisio, OSB, of Manila, carried out a visit of the community of Guimaras. Following this visit, on October 12 2012, the delegate of the Father Immediate, Dom Brendan Freeman, abbot of New Melleray, named **Father Gerard Ingusan** Superior *ad nutum*.

Before his nomination, **Dom Gerard** was prior of the community of Guimaras.

Tarrawarra

Saturday, 03 November 2012

Dom David Tomlins, Abbot of Our Lady of Tarrawarra (Australia) since 1988, 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 October 16, 2012.

On November 3, 2012, the Community of Tarrawarra elected as abbot for a undetermined mandate, **Father Steele Hartmann**.

Dom Steele was born in 1953. He professed solemn vows in 1993 and was ordained priest in 1997. At the time of the election, he was sub prior and novice master.

Mepkin

Saturday, 03 November 2012

On November 3, 2012, at the end of his first abbatial term, **Dom Stanislaus Gumula** was re-elected abbot of **Mepkin** (USA), for a new six year term.

English Ordo 2012-2013

Wednesday, 07 November 2012

A copy of the **English** Ordo for 2012-2013 is now available on the website, and can be downloaded in PDF format (« Resources/Liturgy/Ordo ») : [Ordo EN 2012-2013](#)

Bonneval

Tuesday, 27 November 2012

The abbess and the sisters of the community of **Bonneval** have asked us to share this message with all the brothers and sisters of the Order:

*Since November 8th, we have had no news of our **Sister Lydwine**, aged 70 and suffering from Alzheimer's disease. She probably went walking outside the monastery grounds. Despite the help fo the police, the fire service, and many friends and neighbours, we have not up to now been able to find her.*

***Sister Lydwine Roquette**, born March 10th 1942, entered Bonneval November 26th 1962; therefore she would have celebrated the 50th anniversary of her entry on Monday November 26th. She was novice mistress from 1981 to 2011, and prioress from 2008 to 2011. She was a delegate at the General Chapter of 2005.*

We celebrated Mass for her on Saturday November 24th, with her family and many relatives and friends, and supported by the prayer of the communities of the Order, whom we sincerely thank.

Kindly pray for our Sister Lydwine and for us.

PS: There are regular updates on our website:

http://www.abbaye-bonneval.com/frame_new/nouvelles/informations.php#slydwine

Campénéac

Friday, 07 December 2012

Mother Michaël Le Tendre, Abbess of **la Joie Notre Dame, Campénéac** (France) since 1997, 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 16 November 2012.

On December 5, 2012, Dom Benoît Briand, Abbot of Timadeuc and Father Immediate of Campénéac, appointed **Sister Marie-Joseph Dhanger** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community.

Mother Marie-Joseph was born in 1955, entered la Joie Notre Dame in 1988 and made solemn profession in 1994. At the time of her nomination, Mother Marie Joseph was Prioress of the Community.

Viale Africa

Wednesday, 12 December 2012

M. Ana María Montero has completed her service as portress at the Generalate and returned to her monastery of Humocaró (Venezuela). She has been replaced by **Sister Marie Madeleine Gendry** of the monastery of Echourgnac (France).

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Modifications to the Elenchus Monasteriorum :

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