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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN – 177**

### **Viale Africa**

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2012

**Father Edmond Rakotovao**, cellarer of the Generalate since 2006, has finished his service and will return to Maromby at the end of the month.

He is replaced by **Sr. Eleanor Campion** of Glencairn.

**Father William Dingwall**, having completed his term as secretary to the abbot general, will leave Rome in mid-January.

**Father Thomas Georgeon**, a monk of La Trappe and former abbot of Frattocchie, will take up the role at that time.

### **Liturgy**

MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 2012

#### **OCSO COLLECTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ROMAN MISSAL**

In a ruling that also affects us, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has concluded that nothing stands in the way of the continued use of the texts in the *Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, which were translated before the introduction of the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. They may continue to be used until such time as revised translations of these texts have been provided. However, the concluding formulae of the orations should be updated to reflect the newer text.

By analogy, the existing translation of OCSO Collects may continue to be used, but the concluding formulae of the orations should be updated to reflect the newer text.

### **Jarabacoa**

MONDAY, 23 JANUARY 2012

On January 21, 2012, at the end of his first term as Prior, **Dom Juan Antonio Sánchez** was re-elected Titular Prior of Sta María del Evangelio, Jarabacoa (Dominican Rep.) for a new six year term.

### **Victoria**

THURSDAY, 02 FEBRUARY 2012

On February 2, 2012, on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Dom Bernardus Peeters, Abbot of Tilburg, Father Immediate of Victoria (Uganda) and Apostolic Administrator of Victoria since 2008, appointed **Father John Bosco Kamali** Superior *ad nutum* of Victoria.

**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 2010. At the time of his appointment, he was Novice Master at Victoria.

### **Whitland**

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2012

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2012, at the end of her first term as Abbess, **Mother Christine Wood** was re-elected Abbess of O. L. of Holy Cross, Whitland (Wales - Great Britain) for an indefinite term.

## **Matutum**

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2012

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2012, the Community of Our Lady of Matutum (Philippines) was raised to the rank of **Abbey**, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2011.

On the same day, **Mother Giovanna Garbelli**, titular prioress since 2000, received the abbatial blessing during the Eucharistic celebration, presided by Mgr. Dinualdo D. Gutierrez, Bishop of Marbel.

## **Meymac**

SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2012

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the end of her first mandate as prioress, **Mother Joëlle SCHMITZ** was reelected titular prioress of Jassonneix (Meymac) for a new six year term.

## **Gabriel Prize 2012**

MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2012

The winner of **Gabriel Prize 2012** for Christian comics was announced on Feb17, 2012 in Brussels by the CRIABD jury (Religious Information and Analysis Centre for Comics). After lengthy deliberation, a sign of the very high quality of the entries, the prize was awarded to "A Life Given to God and to Mankind: The Monks of Tibhirine-Fès-Midelt," by Dominique BAR (illustrations) and Gaëtan EVRARD (story), published by éd. du Signe, Paris. This comic book traces the lives of nine French Cistercians in Algeria and the tragic death of seven of them in 1996.

## **Title of "Doctor" for Gertrude of Helfta**

SUNDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2012

The steering committee for the project of having Gertrude of Helfta declared a doctor of the Church held its first meeting Feb. 15, 2012 at the Generalate of the Cistercian Order. The committee is made up of eight members:

- Dom Mauro-Giuseppe, abbot general O. Cist.
- Dom Philippe Dupont OSB, abbot of Solesmes
- Dom Olivier Quernadel OCSO, abbot of Citeaux
- M. Hildegarde Brem O.Cist., abbess of Mariastern-Gwiggen,
- M. Anne-Emmanuelle Deveche OCSO, abbess of Blauvac
- Sr. Augusta Tescari OCSO, nun of Vitorchiano, postulator OCSO
- Fr. Pierdomenico Volpi, O.Cist, monk of Casamari

(also invited were: Fr. Alfredo Simon OSB, monk of Valle de los Caidos, professor at Sant'Anselmo and reporter in the Congregation for the Causes of Saints).

The following topics were discussed:

- those persons who would be able to bear the burden of the cause, both morally and economically,
- support needed on various levels: episcopal conferences, religious orders, theologians, etc.,
- introduction of an abbess or a feminine member osb in the comitee
- the first steps to be taken: Sr. Augusta Tescari of Vitorchiano agreed to be the postulator for the cause and Fr. Pierdomenico Volpi of Casamari agreed to be vice-postulator,
- reasons for requesting that the title of Doctor be accorded to St. Gertrude: her renowned sanctity; her eminent teachings; her contribution to the development of theology based on her monastic and, in particular, liturgical experience; her keen sense of fraternal life in community; the female contribution to the life of the Church; the universal dimension of her mission; etc.

The members of the committee divided the various tasks to be accomplished before the next meeting, which was set for Sept. 30, 2012 at the Cistercian Generalate in Rome. One point was clear for everyone: it would be best if the cause for St. Gertrude being accorded the title "Doctor of the Church" be introduced by the family of all those who live according to the Rule of St. Benedict.

## **News of the sisters in Syria**

WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

Several members of the Order have asked for news of the sisters in Syria. We would like to let you know that they are well, although there is some fighting in their area. At the moment three sisters are there, and two are waiting at Valserena until they are able to return.

We ask the charity of the prayers of the Order.

The sisters of Valserena

## **San Isidro**

MONDAY, 05 MARCH 2012

On March 3, 2012, at the end of the second abbatial term of Dom Enrique Trigueros Castillo, the Community of San Isidro (diocese of Palencia, Spain) elected as abbot, for a six year term, **Dom Juan Javier Martín Hernández**.

Dom Juan Javier entered San Isidro in 1993 and made solemn profession in 1999. He was Abbot of Oseira since 2009.

## **Baumgarten**

THURSDAY, 08 MARCH 2012

**Mother Marie Odile FALLER**, Abbess of **Altbronn/Baumgarten** since 2003, has offered her resignation to the Abbot General on January 26, 2012. With the consent of his council, the Abbot General accepted her resignation and it became effective on February 11, 2012.

During the period of transition, Sister Andrée Messemer, Claustal Prioress of the Monastery, is the administrator of the Community.

## **Oseira**

MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2012

Dom Juan Javier Martín Hernández, Abbot of San Isidro and Father Immediate of Oseira (Spain), appointed **Father Gerardo Luis Martín Sanchez**, a monk of San Isidro, as Superior *ad nutum* of Oseira. Dom Gerardo Luis began his service on March 19, 2012, Solemnity of St. Joseph.

**Dom Gerardo Luis** was born in 1957 in Salamanca (Spain) and entered San Isidro in 1981. He made his solemn profession in 1990 and was ordained a priest in 1991.

## **Maria Frieden**

MONDAY, 19 MARCH 2012

On March 16, 2012, the Community of Maria Frieden (diocese of Aachen, Germany) elected as abbess, for a six year term, **Sister Maria Gratia Adler**.

**Mother Maria Gratia** was born in 1960; she entered Maria Frieden in 1986 and made her solemn profession in 1992.

## **Illah**

TUESDAY, 20 MARCH 2012

On March 18, 2012, **Dom Ogechukwu Ibe** having completed his term as Prior of the Monastery of O.- L. of the Holy Cross at Illah, diocese of Issele Uku (Nigeria), Dom John Denburger, Abbot of Genesee and Father Immediate of Illah, named him as *Superior ad nutum* of the Community.

## **The chronicles of the Abbot General trips**

THURSDAY, 22 MARCH 2012

The **chronicles of the Abbot General trips** will be now available in the private part of this Site.

- Go to « News »

- then « Chronicles »

## **Donnersberg**

FRIDAY, 23 MARCH 2012

On March 21, 2012, at the end of her first term as Prioress, **Mother Magdalena König** was re-elected Titular Prioress of O.-L. of Gethsemani at Donnersberg (diocese of Speyer, Germany) for a new six year term.

## **Tautra**

MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2012 16:34

On March 26, 2012, Mother Rosemary Durcan having completing her term as Prioress of the Monastery of Tautra (diocese of Trondheim - Norway), the Community elected as Titular Prioress for a six year term **Sister Gilchrist Lavigne**.

**Mother Gilchrist** was born in 1946 in Montréal (Canada). She entered Mississippi in 1986 and made her solemn profession in 1990. She was one of the foundresses of Tautra and made stability there in 2006. At the time of her election, she was Novice Mistress.

## **Guimaras**

MONDAY, 09 APRIL 2012

**Dom Filomeno Cinco** completed his term as Abbot of Our Lady of the Philippines (Guimaras, diocese of Jaro - Philippines) on 20 February, 2012. Dom Cyprian Harrison, Superior *ad nutum* of Assumption Abbey, (Ava), and Father Immediate of Our Lady of the Philippines (Guimaras) appointed Dom Filomeno as Superior *ad nutum* of Our Lady of the Philippines on 24 March.

## **News of the Sisters in Syria (2)**

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2012

On March 27th 2012, Sr Adriana and Sr Annunciata left for Syria, while a sixth sister has chosen to wait at Valserena until the end of the hostilities. As flights were suspended, they went to Lebanon. With the help of the Sisters of Nazareth and of a Lebanese general they were able to cross the border and to rejoin the other sisters in the monastery. On Good Friday a young man of Azeir, which is in Damas, was killed by the rebels, plunging the whole village into sadness. On Easter Sunday the sisters sent a message to Valserena telling of their joy at being able to celebrate the Paschal Vigil, while Sunni soldiers kept guard for them! Let us continue to pray for peace in the world, and especially in Syria.

## **Ava**

THURSDAY, 12 APRIL 2012

Dom Brendan Freeman, Abbot of New Melleray (USA) and Father Immediate of Assumption Abbey (Ava), appointed **Father Alberic Maisog** Superior *ad nutum* of Assumption Abbey. Dom Alberic began his service on April 9, 2012 and he replaces Dom Cyprian Harrison who has been Superior *ad nutum* of Ava since February 2008.

**Dom Alberic** was born in 1958 in Aloran (Philippines) and entered Guimaras in 1986. He made his solemn profession in 1992 and changed stability to Ava in 1998. He was ordained a priest in 2000 and was appointed Superior *ad nutum* of Guimaras from 2003 to 2006. Dom Alberic had been Prior of the Community of Ava before the appointment.

## **Macau**

MONDAY, 16 APRIL 2012

On April 15, 2012, Divine Mercy Sunday, the foundation of Gedono (Indonesia) in **Macao**, which was approved by the General Chapter in Assisi in September 2011, welcomed its sixth foundress and officially celebrated its canonical beginning, placing itself under the patronage of the Virgin Mary, "**Star of Hope**".

## **Abakaliki**

SATURDAY, 28 APRIL 2012

On April 12, 2012, the Community of **St Justina's Monastery** (in the diocese of **Abakaliki** - Nigeria), was raised to a **Major Priory**, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter of Assisi 2011.

On April 14, **Mother Maureen Ndubuisi**, Prioress of the Community since 2009, was re-elected Prioress for a new six year term.

## **Santa Rita**

WEDNESDAY, 02 MAY 2012

On May 1, 2012, Mother Miriam Pollard having completing her second term as Prioress of the Monastery of O.-L. of Santa Rita (diocese of Tucson - USA), the Community elected as Titular Prioress for a six year term **Sister Victoria Murray**.

**Mother Victoria** was born in 1947 in Cincinnati (Ohio, USA). She entered Wrentham in 1966 and was one of the foundresses of Santa Rita in 1972 where she made her solemn profession in 1978. At the time of her election, she was Sub-Prioress and Novice Mistress.

## **Mississippi**

MONDAY, 07 MAY 2012

On May 7, 2012, Mother Nettie Louise Gamble having completing her first term as Abbess of the Monastery of O.-L. of Mississippi (Diocese of Dubuque, USA), the Community elected as Abbess for a six year term **Sister Rebecca Stramoski**.

**Mother Rebecca** was born in 1959 in San Antonio (Texas, USA). She entered Mississippi in 1987 and made her solemn profession in 1995. At the time of her election, she was Novice Mistress.

## **Regarding the Health of Dom Bernardo Olivera (1)**

THURSDAY, 10 MAY 2012

On Tuesday, 8 May, **Dom Bernardo Olivera** was at the Monastery of Quilvo in Chile to be the presenter at a course for the Formators in the REMILA Region. Dom Bernardo experienced the symptoms of an aneurysm. He was taken to the hospital in Rancagua and immediately transferred to a hospital in Santiago.

On Wednesday morning a procedure was performed to bypass the area of the aneurysm. The intervention was successful but because of blood in the area it could not be completely bypassed. It is hoped that the blood will dissipate naturally.

Dom Bernardo is being closely monitored since there is a concern if hydrocephalus develops which would demand an immediate operation.

It is reported that Dom Bernardo is in good spirits.

Let us continue to pray for him.

## **Regarding the Health of Dom Bernardo Olivera (2)**

SATURDAY, 12 MAY 2012

Father Eduardo of Azul has arrived at Miraflores for visiting **Dom Bernardo**.

At this time, Dom Bernardo is as well as possible and is now able to eat. He has to remain in Intense Care for 3 weeks to avoid a new hemorrhage, a new aneurism, prevent a risk of hydrocephaly or arterial spasm. Dom Bernardo appreciates your prayers.

## **Baumgarten**

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2012

On May 12, 2012, Dom Antonio Lepore, Abbot of Oelenberg and Father Immediate of O.-L. of Baumgarten (France), appointed **Sister Andrée Messemer** as Superiorad *nutum* of Baumgarten.

**Mother Andrée** was born in 1935 in Forbach (France). She entered Altbronn in 1967 and made her solemn profession in 1973. At the time of her appointment, she was claustral prioress.

## **Bolton**

SATURDAY, 19 MAY 2012

On May 16th, 2012, the Community of **Bolton** (Diocese of Dublin, Ireland), postulated as Abbot for a six year term **Father Michael Ryan**. After receiving the indult from the Holy See, the new Abbot has been installed on May 19th, 2012.

**Dom Michael** was born in 1952 and was ordained a priest in 1978 for a diocese in the province of Newfoundland (Canada). He entered Bolton in 2000 and made his solemn profession on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005. At the moment of his postulation, his was cellarer.

## **24 May, The World Day of Prayer For The Church In China**

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2012

Thursday, May 24th, is the feastday of Our Lady of Sheshan, the patron of China – the sanctuary is near Shanghai. A few years ago Pope Benedict made that day a **Worldwide Day of Prayer for the Church in China** and composed a special prayer that you probably have already.

We ask for your special prayers for us in a moment of particular difficulty. Also for the Bishop and for the conversion and unity of the priests around him. M. Theresa

## **Regarding the Health of Dom Bernardo Olivera (3)**

SATURDAY, 26 MAY 2012

A message of Dom Eduardo of Azul :

The eve of Pentecost brings us good news about the health of **Dom Bernardo**.

Until a couple of days ago he was kept in Intensive Care, making very good progress. The doctors found that his recuperation was very satisfactory, almost miraculous. If this continues, tomorrow possibly he will be moved to a regular room, without all the monitors. They will continue to observe him there for another week, and if everything goes well, will discharge him. After this, and before going back to Argentina, our plan is that he will spend a further week at Miraflores to ensure that he is recovered, and to be near the doctors who have attended him just in case there is need.

Our P. Santiago (infirmarian) will go there on Wednesday to wait for him. Bernardo is very grateful for the prayers of all, to which he attributes his improvement.

We wish you a holy Pentecost, and send warm greetings. Fr. Eduardo

## **Warning**

TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2012

The Abbot of Val Notre-Dame, Dom André Barbeau, has asked us to alert the communities of the Order about strange requests coming from Canada:

Several monasteries of our Order in Spain, France and Switzerland have received a request from 4 or 5 young girls (Eileen, Maria, Olivia, Ursula and Michelle) from Toronto asking to join their community, with the patronage of a priest, Father Apollinaire Simantoto, said to belong first to the diocese of Toronto and then to that of Amos. The young girls or the priest send copies of baptism and confirmation certificates issued by the parish of St. Mary Mercy in Toronto. This parish does not exist, the certificates are false, and at this address there is a Roman Catholic parish of the Blessed Trinity which has existed for more than 40 years. The parish priest, Mgr Ambrose Sheehy, has confirmed that the whole business is a fraud, which will lead to a demand that the monasteries send money to cover the journey to Europe!

## **Genesee**

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2012

Dom John Denburger, Abbot of Genesee (USA) since 2001, 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 May 11, 2012.

On May 30, 2012, the Community of Genesee elected as abbot for a six year term, **Father Gerard D'Souza**.

**Dom Gerard** was born in 1958 in Doha (Qatar). He entered Genesee in 1992, made his solemn profession in 1999 and was ordained priest in 2001. At the time of the election, he was novice master.

## **Regarding the Health of Dom Bernardo Olivera (4)**

SUNDAY, 03 JUNE 2012

A message of Dom Eduardo of Azul :

This is to let you know, with great joy and gratitude, that **Dom Bernardo** has been discharged and has left the clinic in Santiago, Chile. At the moment, and for the next few days, he is with our brothers of Miraflores. Next Thursday he will have a final test, and if all goes well, he will be given the all-clear. He will return to Azul some day during the week of June 10, God willing. We will let you know.

A warm embrace and a holy Feast of the Blessed Trinity, P. Eduardo

## **Sujong**

TUESDAY, 05 JUNE 2012

On June 3, 2012, at the completion of the Regular Visitation, Dom Franciscus Yoshimoto Kunihiro, Abbot of Phare and Father Immediate of Sujong (Republic of Korea), appointed **Sister Juliana Tatara** as Superior *ad nutum* of Sujong.

**Mother Juliana** had been Titular Prioress of Sujong from 1995 until 2001. At the time of her appointment, she was Subprioress.

## **Glencairn and the International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin**

TUESDAY, 05 JUNE 2012

Over the past few months, the sisters from **St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn** (Ireland) have been working hard to complete an unusual order!

They have been given the task of producing the 250 thousand Eucharistic breads for consecration at the Masses that will be the focal point of the 50th **International Eucharistic Congress**, taking place in Dublin, Ireland June 10-17 next.

## **Regarding the Health of Dom Bernardo Olivera (5)**

FRIDAY, 08 JUNE 2012

A message from Dom Eduardo of Azul :

Dear brothers and sisters:

We have some news of **Dom Bernardo**:

Today Friday, he is again in the Clinic of Santiago, Chile. It seems that he caught a flu, so the doctors want to give him the appropriate treatment. They gave him a check up and they found that all is well with respect to the aneurysm. He will remain in the clinic for some more days, then he will return to Azul.

Thank you for your prayers, affection, and your continuous prayers.

Fraternally,

P. Eduardo

## **Chambarand**

MONDAY, 11 JUNE 2012

Mother Anne-Chantal Duhail completed her term as Abbess of the monastery of Chambarand (diocese of Grenoble - France) on 8 June, 2012.

On the same day, Dom Patrick Olive, Abbot of Sept-Fons and Father Immediate of Chambarand, appointed **Mother Marie-Rose Flandre** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community.

**Mother Marie-Rose** has been Abbess of O.-L. of Igny from 1999 to 2008; since December 2011, she was delegated Superior of Ubexy.

She will begin her service at Chambarand in July.

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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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