



Congregation of the Sacred Hearts United States Province

July 2020

“Life Goes On...”

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At this point in time, I am sure that you must be saturated with all the reflections, theological and otherwise, about the pandemic. Let me throw another reflective log on the pile. The preface of the funeral Mass prays: *“Life is changed, it is not ended...”* And so it is in our new reality. I have a strong feeling that the virus is going to be with us for a very long time. We need to adjust to be able to walk along side of it very carefully, and not be paralyzed by this threat.

Our Provincial Council met on July 7th by Zoom. There are a few items that I would like to bring to your attention.

“Looking to the Future with Hope”

We are continuing with our preparation for the 2020 Provincial Chapter. As you have seen in the video that was sent out last week, we are just not sure what this is going to look like. At our next meeting on August 6, 2020, we will have to make a decision with the best information we have available at that time. I ask each brother to look ahead and reflect on what you feel are the most important decisions/actions all of us must be a part of as we ***“look to the future with hope”***. This “work” is for all of us—ask what you can do for the Province!

The two Regional delegates have been chosen with Mike Barry representing US West and Alexis Nayak the Region of India. We congratulate all of our delegates and thank them for their willingness to serve on this very important group.

Lane Akiona
Mike Barry
Joseph Bukoski III
Robert Charlton
Patrick Fanning
Clyde Guerreiro
Richard Kupo



David Lupo
Alexis Nayak
Esitio Niuliki
Edward Popish
David Reid
Christopher Santangelo
John Sawchenko

Finance



In the next week or so, you should be receiving the financial report for the year-end 2019 as well as the results for the first quarter of 2020. As she normally does, our accountant, Cindy Epperson, will write a cover letter with explanations which makes the reports so much easier to comprehend.

We are also happy to report that through the National Religious Retirement Office, we received a most generous grant in the amount of \$87,944.68 for the support of our retired members. We thank Cindy for her efforts in providing the detailed information in the application which enabled us to receive this money.

SSCC Parishes

For years we have been asking a core question concerning the characteristics of an SSCC parish. It has been a worthwhile discussion. I believe, however, that the reality of the SSCC charism is lived out in all the places where we serve. In Hawaii, we recently traded two one-man parishes on the North Shore for a two-man parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Pearl City, where Santhosh Thottankara, Pastor and Joseph Pasala, Associate have settled into the parish community. Bishop Larry Silva sent me a copy of a letter he received from a long time parishioner at Good Counsel. I think it is worthwhile sharing part of the letter as I know many of our faithful people see our SSCC flavor more than we may see it in our selves.

First off, I want to say how much I have enjoyed having Fr. Santhosh and Fr. Joseph join our OLGK ohana. I personally have great appreciation for:

- ◆ *Their clear and easy-to-understand homilies. They are easily relatable and easy to understand the message being shared.*
- ◆ *They are visible and hands-on and open to sharing information with the church; they keep information transparent.*
- ◆ *They reached out to us personally when we were unable to go to Mass at the start of the Covid stay at home orders.*
- ◆ *They know us by name and make us feel like family.*
- ◆ *They are approachable and warm and refreshingly honest. Not prideful, they don't make you feel like you're being judged or looked down upon."*

Development

Despite the obvious set back caused by the pandemic, Director Ed Popish has been working diligently in the Development Office. By now you should have received the June letter of appeal which has been sent to over 3,000 donors and benefactors on our database.

The challenge, of course, is to find new and creative ways to gain financial support, especially given the fact that we are not able to sponsor large gatherings/banquets in any part of the Province as we have in past years. This makes it urgent for brothers to look for folks who would love to support us in our SSCC mission. We all know people who respect and value the work of the Sacred Hearts brothers and priests!

As Vocation Coordinator, Ed is also gathering the documents of our pre-Novices for entrance into the Novitiate—God willing - in January 2021.

On top of that, he is working with Jack Iddon to update our website. On-going vigilance is an understatement.



Formation



Due to the potentially lethal nature of dengue fever, Bro. John Sawchenko will not be returning to Pacific Regional Seminary in Fiji. He is close to finishing his studies in the seminary and will be enrolling at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, California.

The Provincial of France, Fr. Christian Flottes, ss.cc. has requested that a pre-novice, who is currently a postulant with the Picpus community in Paris, be allowed to join our US Novitiate in January 2021. David Leou Tham, 46, an ordained priest in the Diocese of Tahiti priest, has been approved to begin novitiate with our other novices.

This means that potentially we could begin the novitiate on January 3, 2021 in Hemet with seven novices. There are four in Fiji, two in Texas and now one from Tahiti. We are in the midst of handling visas and working through international travel and all of its restrictions, as well as the safety concerns not only for our novices but for the men who currently reside in Hemet.

US West Region

We ask for your continued prayers for Bill Moore. His health is fragile; the disease is making progress. His faith and community continue to hold him up!

Fr. Pat O'Hagan has moved into the community at Damien House in La Verne, California and is settling in and reacquainting himself with the brothers there who have warmly welcomed him.

Region of India



The Provincial Council has approved the request of Bros. Arockia Kulandai Nahashon, Robert Joshi, and Arockia Vanathiyan to enter the **"process of preparation"**, a critical part of the fourth stage of formation, as they prepare for Final Vows. In accordance with this new part of the General Plan of Initial Formation, a decision of the 2018 General Chapter, Fr. Felipe Lazcano, Coordinator of the Region's Commission on Initial Formation has endorsed their request and submitted a plan for the process, which was approved by the Provincial Government.

170. Preparation for final commitments and Ongoing Formation

2. "The profession of perpetual vows must be preceded by a period of prolonged preparation. Its duration and modality must be approved by the Provincial Government."

(Const. 83) The Formator of the Fourth Stage will make a program proposal to the Provincial Government for this period. (Cf. General Plan of Initial Formation, 168 g) The program will include, among other elements, participation in the congregational meeting preparing for perpetual vows (with the necessary preparation beforehand); a retreat prior to profession; and preparation for the liturgical celebration of the perpetual profession.

We pray for our brothers as they enter this very important stage of their religious journey with the Congregation.

Regional Superior, Ajith Kumar Antonydass, reports that things continue to move ahead in the Region as they prepare to hopefully have their Regional Assembly on August 18-20 at Dangadighila. As we are all aware, Covid-19 has not spared any part of our world.



News Around the Province...



We offer our congratulations to Clyde Guerreiro who was installed as Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Honolulu on the 4th of July, and to Brian Guerrini who will be installed as Pastor of St. Damien Parish, Kaunakakai, Molokai on August 23rd.

Sadly, the St. Patrick Community will say goodbye to J Micheal Kumar, but happily, the US West Region will welcome him as he is assigned as Associate to Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas, California on September 1, 2020, where he will be working with Chris Santangelo and John Roche.



Belated and Future!

Birthday Greetings to our Brothers!!



ALPHONSUS	McHUGH	April 8
PATRICK	COYLE	April 18
AJITH KUMAR	ANTONYDASS	April 23
ALBERT	GARCIA	April 24
RADHE LAL	JATWAR	April 24
BIBUDHA	NAYAK	May 6
GOLAK	PORICHA	May 6
MICHAEL	BARRY	May 9
SUBAL	NAYAK	May 10
MARTIN	GOMES	May 18
PATRICK	O'HAGAN	May 18
JOHN	ROCHE	May 19
AROCKIA	KULANDAI	May 21
JAMES	RUKAVINA	May 22
MATTHIAS	SHANLEY	May 29
JOHNATHAN	HURRELL	May 31
PATRICK	TRAVERS	June 13
DONAL	MC CARTHY	June 21
PAUL	ZACCONE	June 26
PAUL	MURTAGH	June 29
AJIT BALIAR	SINGH	July 1
SURAJ KUMAR	SONWANI	July 1
ALEXIS	NAYAK	July 2
AROCKIA	VANATHIYAN C.	July 12
UMAKANT	PORICHHA	July 19
BRIAN	GUERRINI	July 23
SUDHIR	NAYAK	July 23
JOSEPH	PASALA	July 23
SAIA	FAINGA'A	July 26

Congratulations to our 2020 Jubilarians



RICHARD LIFRAK	25 YEARS ORDAINED
FINTAN SHEERAN	70 YEARS PROFESSED
DAVID REID	60 YEARS PROFESSED
JOHN ROCHE	40 YEARS PROFESSED
CHRIS SANTANGELO	25 YEARS PROFESSED
SUBAL NAYAK	25 YEARS PROFESSED
ALEXIS NAYAK	25 YEARS PROFESSED

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DILDHAR	JATWAR	January 7
DARIUS	AMANSEC	January 8
TILESWAR	NAYAK	January 8
JOSEPH ANTHONY RAJA	SEBASTIAN	January 9
RICHARD	KUPO	January 13
PATRICK JOSEPH	TUKUDIA	January 16
ROBERT	CHARLTON	January 22
HERMAN	GOMES	January 24
WILLIAM	PENDERGHEST	January 28
PATRICK	KILLILEA	February 8
WILLIAM STEVEN	GURAL	February 11
MICHAEL	KAMAHUOA	February 11
THOMAS	CHOO	February 19
EMMANUELLE TAPUCOL	DEL CASTILLO	February 19
JAMES	McDONOUGH	February 19
PAUL	ALVES	February 27
JEREMIAH	HOLLAND	February 28
MICHAEL	KELLY	February 28
ARUL	THIYAGARAJ	February 28
RICHARD	McNALLY	March 2
CHRISTOPHER	SANTANGELO	March 2
SEMISI	PULOTU	March 4
ESITIO	NIULIKI	March 7
DAVID	REID	March 9
CLYDE	GUERREIRO	March 11
PATRICK	CROWLEY	March 13
LANE	AKIONA	March 16
MANOJ	NAYAK	March 22
PEADAR	CRONIN	March 23
ROBERT	JOSHI	March 26
EDWARD	POPISH	March 26
CHRISTOPHER	KEAHI	March 29
PASQUALE	LAGHEZZA	March 29

