



# Congregation of the Sacred Hearts United States Province *February 2020 Newsletter*

## *"Looking to the Future With Hope"*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We begin this newsletter with the very sad news of the passing of Fr. Clarence Guerreiro, ss.cc. on February 4, 2020. Clarence was born in Hawaii on December 16, 1943. He entered Sacred Hearts Seminary in Hauula in 1957 and professed his Temporary Vows on August 22, 1964. He was Ordained a priest at St. Patrick Church, Honolulu on June 12, 1970. This year would have been his 50th anniversary to the priesthood.



He lived a very productive life, had a strong and commanding personality and contributed to the good of our SSCC community as well as the Diocese of Honolulu for many years. His ministries were varied. He taught at Bishop Alemany High School in California and served as an Associate Pastor in numerous parishes. He became Pastor at St. Ann Church in Kaneohe, HI in 1986, where he was responsible for the building of the current church, and in 2006 was named Pastor at St. Patrick Church, School, and Monastery in Honolulu, Hawaii.

His funeral services are scheduled for February 24, 2020 at St. Patrick Church with Eulogy at 10:30 AM, Mass at 11:00 AM and inurnment at Mililani Cemetery at 1:00 PM..

Clarence will be missed by many people. We thank God for the gift he was to our SSCC Community and pray for the Repose of his soul. May he rest in Peace!

## *Appointments*



After thoughtful deliberation, and with the approval of Bishop Larry Silva, the Provincial, Fr. Herman Gomes, ss.cc., with the consent of his council, announces the appointment of Fr. Clyde Guerreiro, ss.cc. as Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Honolulu. The effective date of his assignment is March 1, 2020. We thank Fr. Clyde for his willingness to accept this very important and demanding position. The church building is 90 years old and refurbishing the structure is definitely one of the challenges in order!

At the same meeting, the Council asked Fr. Ed Popish, ss.cc. to assume the priority ministry of Development & Vocations Coordinator. Fr. Ed has accepted the assignment, which takes effect on March 1, 2020 and will also include part time ministry at St. Augustine, Waikiki. The Development Office, as well as Fr. Ed's residence will be located at St. Patrick Monastery.

Again, we are grateful to these two Brothers who are ready and willing to do whatever is necessary for the health and well-being of the Province.



## *Enthronement Task Force*

On January 18th, four members of our Community met in Fairhaven, Massachusetts to report on steps taken to revive the work of the Enthronement Office. The members were: Fr. David Reid, Fr. Columban Crotty, Sr. Claire Bouchard, and Fr. Herman Gomes. The goal was to report on what has taken place at the National Enthronement Center, in Fairhaven, and what the group hopes to achieve. As a community, we believe strongly in this work, especially as it pertains to ministry among families. There is an on-going effort to articulate the relevance of this ministry and present it as a valid response to the call of the Chapters, both General and Provincial. The work needs to continue!



With heartfelt endorsement, the Council has appointed: Fr. David P Reid, ss.cc., National Director of the Enthronement; Fr. Columban Crotty, ss.cc., Assistant Director; Sr. Claire Bouchard, ss.cc., Administrative Assistant. We give thanks for all that they continue to do.

## *National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO)*



MARY J. FOLEY

As you know, we have been working very closely with the NRRO. Fr. Martin Gomes, Fr. Martin O'Loughlen, Cindy Epperson, and Fr. Herman Gomes have been meeting regularly with a team from the Organization. We cannot overstate how helpful they have been to our Province in working to help us set our "retirement account" in good order.

Through their generosity and good will we have received a grant of \$65,000 for the audit of our present Development efforts with the aim of recommending to us the direction for a successful Development Program.

Mary J. Foley, Managing Director, Catholic School Management & Mission Advancement, Divisions of Christian Brothers Services, and her assistant Tina Walker, will be visiting each of our Area Communities to observe and evaluate what has been taking place in Development. You will be hearing much more about this in the very near future as they set up schedules to meet with each Brother in the Province in order to receive valuable input from everyone.



TINA WALKER

We are hopeful this will give us a road map for establishing best practices in development and increasing philanthropic support as we **"look to the future with hope!"**

## *Finance*

Even with our very best effort, we still show a projected deficit of more than \$400,000 for the upcoming year 2020. The math is simple, but dire; we have only 15 members with regular incomes trying desperately to hold up the financial responsibilities of the Province. I continue to encourage all members to help in the efforts to financially support the Province. The two properties: Bethany in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and 77 Adams Street in Fairhaven, have been slow in the leasing process. We are also still settling law suits and paying legal fees, which drastically hurts the financial picture! Let us all strive to do our best in this area of Finance and be satisfied that we are trying our best.

The rest of it is in the Hands of the Lord!

## Formation



There is a lot of good and hopeful news on the horizon. The four pre-Novices from Fiji have their R-1 visas in hand and are set to go for their personal interviews. They are: Tavite Uluilakakeba, Rafaele Sekiwaqa, and Gaberiele Saunivalu from Fiji, and Sepulona Lutelu from Samoa. These four men will be joined in the Novitiate by a fifth, Juan Carlos (Charlie) Martinez from Holy Name of Mary Parish in San Dimas, California.

Novitiate is scheduled to begin on May 10, 2020 in Hemet, California. Fr. Richard Danyluk

is ready, willing and able to be Novice Master with Fr. Jeremiah Holland as the Assistant Novice Master (Socius). We also have the good fortune of having Fr. Pat Crowley and Fr. Martin O'Loughlen as members of the Hemet Community. This is a veritable powerhouse of prayer, wisdom and experience in religious life! We hope our Novices will have a rich and meaningful experience of connecting the Holy Mystery!



A few months ago, the Provincial Council placed a "moratorium" on accepting foreign students into the Initial Formation Program. There were two reasons: one was the unpredictability of being able to obtain visas to the United States, and two was that we were fully funding pre-Novices as they entered the community. We are happy that both issues have been resolved. We have the visas of the four students from our formation house in Fiji. In addition we have received the visas for Bro. Saia Faingaa, who will experience his pastoral year at St. Patrick in Honolulu, and Bro. Semisi Pulotu, who will fulfill his pastoral year at Queen of Peace in Harlingen, Texas. As to the finances: all pre-Novices who are accepted into that program will be asked to work or otherwise contribute to the household. Their work ethic will speak to their willingness to do what they can to support the local community before entering Novitiate.

There was a much longer wait for the visas to clear, almost seven months. As a result of that, we decided to start the Novitiate in May. The Novitiate for this year will go from May 2020 to May 2021. So that we will be back "in sync" with the school schedule of Pacific Regional Seminary (PRS), the next Novitiate will not start until January, 2022 and run until January 2023 to accommodate the beginning of school in February. We continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the Religious Life and the Priesthood. May the charism of our Congregation flourish and take root in souls who need to be embraced by the love of God!

## Region of India

We were successful in teleconferencing with Regional Superior, Fr. Ajith Kumar. It was 3AM India time! The Region is experiencing their share of both achievements and challenges. They continue to send a newsletter so we have an insight as to the work that is happening in that area of the world and the Province. During our meeting, they asked that their prospective Novices be sent to Novitiate in Manila for the next couple of years, a request which was approved by the Provincial Government. The Region also petitioned the council to allow them to set up an account with the General House in Rome so that funds could be sent directly to them, avoiding the transfer fees with money going through the US. In addition, they wish to invest funds for their operational expenses with the Province of Iberia. Both of these finance requests were approved by the Provincial Government.



## *Praesidium Re-Accreditation*

We are fortunate to have Kathy Hinds on our team. She keeps us up to date with the requirements set up by our commitment to Praesidium. We understand the men who are working in the various Dioceses may already be certified as a result of their assignments, and while we recognize there is an expense to the process, we have determined it is still important to maintain our overall accreditation for the Province. In October of this year, when our current accreditation lapses, we are anticipating that the Province will apply for certification for the next 5 years! We expect there will be a continued emphasis on candidate screening.

## *Thoughts and Prayers*

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following “members” of our SSCC family:

Fr. Bill Moore, ss.cc. from the US West Region, who recently learned that his cancer has spread. His Doctors are exploring a treatment as we continue to pray for his health

Christine Hurrell, the mother of Fr. Johnathan Hurrell, ss.cc. who continues to recover from a recent bout with cancer.

Etelda Nayak, the mother of Fr. Manoj Kumar, ss.cc., pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Harlingen, Texas who has been experiencing recent problems with her health.

We pray for the repose of the Soul of Richard de Costa, the father of Sr. Anne Clare de Costa.



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# Birthday Greetings to our Brothers!!



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

