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### From the Editorial Desk ...

With joy we bring out the 19<sup>th</sup> issue of our *News Letter* aimed at keeping all the members informed of the various activities, undertakings and events that are happening in the various parts of the Congregation. May we kindly remind everyone, especially the Provincial, Vice Provincial and Delegation Governance, to send us on time the news items to be published. Let us, as one family, share among ourselves all our achievements and our endeavours. We always welcome the corrections and suggestions for the betterment. We regret also for the errors and omissions if any. May the God grant us the grace to be courageous and joyful messengers of the Good News and a shining stars that lead others to the feet of the Lord.

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Dear Confreres,

We are happy to inform you that we have five new e-mail addresses for any communication with the members of the General Curia. Hereafter please try to make use of them for any official communication. The addresses are:

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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERIOR GENERAL

### *BELIEVE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE*

Dear Confreres,

From its conception, our Missionaries of Faith Congregation has always been blessed and gifted with the visible presence of Divine Providence.

#### What is Divine Providence?

There are many, many references to Divine Providence, spoken and written, throughout the generations. So I have selected a few.

Divine Providence is everything that takes place under God's guidance and control with the supreme document being Sacred Scripture. The Bible speaks of God's Providence from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation.

According to the Dictionary of Catholic Theology, Divine Providence is "*Lat providere or praevidere - to see in advance*". It is the plan conceived in the mind of God, according to which He directs all creatures to their proper end. It is a part of prudence and refers mainly to the means to be chosen with reference to the end. It resides in the intellect, but pre-supposes the willing of the end. It precedes the government of things, which is the practical execution of providence.

Providence in the "*Summa Theologica*" of St Thomas Aquinas, is the divine plan itself, seated in the Supreme Ruler, which disposes all things and for Saint John Damascene, Providence is "the will of God by which all things are ruled according to right reason".

In the dogmatic statement of the First Vatican Council, we find a clear declaration:

*"God protects and governs by His Providence, all things which He hath made, 'reaching from end to end mightily, and ordering all things sweetly' [Wisdom 8:1]. For 'all things are bare and open to His eyes' even those which are yet to be by the free action of creatures"* (Denz. 1784).

At his opening speech to the Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII said that:

*"In the present order of things, Divine Providence is leading us to a new order of human relations which, by men's own efforts and even beyond their very expectations, are directed toward the fulfilment of God's superior and inscrutable designs. And everything, even human differences, leads to the greater good of the Church."*

Many other Popes, before, during and after the Second Vatican Council, discussed and taught us about the truth of Faith in the Divine Providence.

We must continue to put our trust and faith in God's Divine Providence for our Congregation (cfr. Art. 34 CA-MF). It has served us well and I firmly believe that God is asking us to move forward resolutely and with confidence.

It is with trust and faith in Divine Providence that our Congregation was developed and continues to grow with the visible help of God's Providence. Our Institute started amidst many contradictions and in great poverty but we trusted more in God's Providence than in human strength; we never doubted Divine Providence. Nothing has changed; we continue to know that the more we trust in this Providence, the more we will achieve.

As an individual, please avoid any attitudes or mistrust that goes against Divine Providence, as these will lead to a personal fear for a lack of basic necessities and comforts of life. We must not put our trust in income, feelings of personal comfort and control and neglecting the help of Providence. A man cannot serve two Masters.

Do not forget that we are all part of a larger Congregation and, what today may seem superfluous to you, might well be what another MF community needs in the future. Every donation, large and small, must receive the same appreciation. Legacies are a grateful bonus but should not be a primary focus.

It is my prayer and hope, that all of us, will continue to grow in faith and trust in Divine Providence.

May God bless us all.

Thank you.

Rome, 29.06.2020



*Rev. Fr. Jesus Dajac, mf*  
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Superior General

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## **ONGOING FORMATION CORNER**

### **METHODS OF ONGOING FORMATION**

-Fr. Jaison Kalathiparambil mf

Ongoing formation helps the Missionary of Faith in his continuous and conscious effort to attain the charismatic identity. "The ongoing formation helps us to integrate the creativity in fidelity".<sup>1</sup> Our Congregation is blessed with a well-prepared project, offering clear guidance for its members' ongoing formation. The "Ongoing Formation Corner" tries to give practical orientations in actualizing this project. Having already seen in the previous issues the principles guiding it, we now enter into the more practical side of the project, namely "the methods" of ongoing formation. It is the style or mode of formative intervention that the

formators use to achieve the projected goal. It is the procedure of utilizing the means and instruments of formation. Before entering this technical area, we must understand certain difficulties in preparing and actualizing a project of ongoing formation. Only then can one understand the important role that method plays in achieving the finality of the project.

## **1. Ambiguities of project and the importance of method**

First of all, there is a great difference of the project of initial formation with that of the ongoing formation. The former has a well-defined structure, spread out in well-structured phases, aimed at specific target groups of age and culture, in the controlled and homogeneous environment of seminary. The latter, instead does not have any such formal structure. Most of its subjects are usually engaged in a wide variety of apostolates, that are carried out in different socio-pastoral situations. All these influence the religious, making the pastoral and life experiences diverge from person to person. This renders the target groups so vast and variable. There are tendencies of grouping them according to the age group or on the basis of the ordination or profession; according to the pastoral activities. However, it must be mentioned that grouping them homogeneously or categorically is almost an impossible task. Another question that arises is “who” is the formator in this phase?<sup>2</sup> In such a scenario, selecting and applying a method needs special care. In reality, a carefully chosen method could shed light upon many of the aforementioned questions. In this article we try to understand the general notion of methods and means, so that every prefecture of formation can prepare project of ongoing formation which is practical and effective.

## **2. Methods of ongoing formation**

The word “method” is not anything new for anyone who had formation in philosophy. One learns how to use the inductive and deductive methods to arrive at a conclusion by means of logical premises. Down through the centuries different methods were developed and adopted by different disciplines for arriving at conclusions or to find solutions. For example, the *scientific method* is a method that gives primacy to all that could be empirically verified and demonstrated as truth.<sup>3</sup> So also in the field of pedagogy there evolved the use of different methods for effectively carrying out formative activity. It has a very practical approach; it identifies the pedagogical issues in a given context, projects a solution to it, systematically intervenes and evaluates the result. Depending on the level of its efficiency, the project is stabilized or modified.

Method in pedagogy of formation, hence, is the style of the pedagogic intervention of the formator. He has a particular style of functioning and a particular approach in utilizing the means and instruments of formation. His aim is to arrive at the projected goal, putting to work the available resources in the best way possible. He takes into consideration different factors like, the proposed area of intervention, the situation of the formees, the efficiency of the means and instruments etc. He may adapt, adjust, amplify or employ variety of



methods in his intervention during the formative period. The scientific organization of these is called the methodology of formation. Didactic methodology, the pedagogy of evolutive methodology are some examples. Pedagogy employs a wide variety of practical pedagogical methods depending on the subject in formation and the goal to be achieved.<sup>4</sup>

The idea of method should be very clear so as to make the right choice of them while preparing the project. The following example could be of great help. If project is a route map, then method is the “how to proceed” of it. In planning a travel, one sits down to work out the details, and different elements come up like: to travel by air or land (**means**); should it be by a luxury car or by public transport if by road, by flight in executive or economy class, if by air (**method**); the cost involved and the affordability (**means**); should it be paid by card or cash (**method**). The mode of approach and the way of interaction are defined in this way. This is the technical and practical side of the plan, calling for a rational and realistic approach. The rapport among the general route map and the methods and means of travel determine the quality, security and guarantee of reaching the goal. It is also true about a project of formation. A formation project, just like a travel plan, contains various elements, organized and carefully prepared to achieve the projected formative goal. It is surely a route map demonstrating the starting point (*theoretical-situational framework*) and the final goal (*charismatic identity*). It necessitates a rich content at theoretical level, efficient instruments at technical level and a carefully chosen method at operational level. The quality of rapport between these is decisive in the efficiency of the formative intervention.

The question to be constantly born in mind by the formator is, *in what way can the person be helped in his personal growth*. The choice of method could vary owing to various factors, like: the condition of the subject in formation (formee), the available resources, the situation of the person etc.<sup>5</sup> For example, different techniques are used in certain situations. Observing a particular behavior of the formee, the formator can deduce the presence of some evolutive crisis. The formator, then guides the person to an analysis of his personal history. It helps one to reconcile with the negative experiences and to be grateful for the positive ones.<sup>6</sup> Here the formator assumes the role of a *guide* in the journey of self-discovery. So, method is the style or mode of intervention of the formator in the process of formative intervention. The preventive method of Don Bosco, the therapeutic or clinical methods for those pathological disorders or addiction problems, personalized methods etc. are some of them. The method or the style of formation chosen and recommended by our congregation for its members is of *accompaniment*.<sup>7</sup>

### 3. Importance and types of methods

Accompaniment is an efficient method, especially in the ongoing formation as it clears the ambiguity regarding *who* is the formator in ongoing formation. It could be personal or communitarian. The concern is not to let alone a person in his efforts at personal growth or

at remedying his vocational difficulties. The accompaniment method clarifies that the superiors, the confessor, the spiritual director, a professor etc. could be considered as formators. It also reiterates the personal responsibility of the individual member regarding his ongoing formation, availing the offered resources. The superiors could shoulder the responsibility of providing competent persons and adequate opportunities of such accompaniment. At this level the focus is not on transmitting certain contents but how to help the formee in his personal growth, using specific strategies of action.

There is a wide variety of methods or styles of formative intervention. Accompaniment itself could be provided in different styles. It is good to see some of them with their efficiency and limits.

- i. The **directive method** applies pressure upon the formee. There are two forms of this method: *authoritative* (strict and warm) and *authoritarian* (strict and cold). The ***authoritative style*** is normally used for particular age groups, like infants and adolescents. Here the subject is incapable of decision making, hence there is a need of parental sustenance. The danger of this style is the exercise of excessive pressure or manipulation of the subject. A formator at an ongoing formation level has to be watchful of not treating his formee as an infant or adolescent. In the ***authoritarian style*** the formator presumes to be the sole authority and judge of formative values, establishing and imposing formative standards. This style may be characterized by intensity and objectivity but in reality, indicates the inner conflicts of the formator himself. The reality of what happens in this method is as follows:

- ⇒ Projects his insecurity as an ideal of order, clarity, stability, resulting in lack of respect for the others and their capabilities.
- ⇒ Sees the subject as “inferior” as he is in need and unable to choose.
- ⇒ Lives the relation between himself and the subject in a static way than a dynamic way; lacks the essential element of growth and encounter, intimidating and rendering the subject uncreative.
- ⇒ The pedagogic contents are rigid. The authoritarian formator would not be able to adopt new and innovative programs; would refuse to accept the exigencies of the present generation. Normally, he is conservative and rigid.

The authoritarian style exerts external pressure upon the formee, thereby eliciting certain desired behavior or life style. It cannot be out of any self-awareness or deep internal conversion. The formator himself has a weak personality, having insecurities and needing self-affirmation. He is over protective and impedes the formee to develop personal view points or assume responsibilities. He believes to be possessing the solution for every problem.

This method demonstrates itself in *aggressive, autocratic or paternalistic* forms.

- ii. The **manipulative method or style** is a masked or camouflaged form of authoritarianism. The formator avoids direct confrontation, manoeuvring the formee in occult, affective directives. He would probably say, “*I would like you to do so*”, “*surely you like to do this*”, concealing the command and leaving the subject no option than to accept the suggestion. The self-image generated by this style is above all objective. It may look a harmless style, but in reality, is worse than the authoritarian style. The formee finds himself in front of an anonymous authority, without clarity regarding the boundary of his competence and so more threatening. It may not produce a mature personality.
- iii. The **permissive style** lets the formee grow by doing and experiencing the dynamics of personal growth. It’s a kind of allowing a “*spontaneous growth*”. It may look apparently the most authentic method, but has the potential to create anarchic or disturbed personality in the formee. The formee is left to his own fantasy, natural impulses and spontaneous reactions to the given situations or social relationships. It will result in producing a person who is easily influenced by his social ambience, not so positive, bullied by his own instincts, not so reliable etc. In this method, the formator does not assume his responsibility of pedagogic intervention, seeking popularity, leaving the formee prey to his own impulse and spontaneity. He has neither personality nor authority. It could also be due to the conflictual situations of the formative community. In such situations the formator finds unable to manage or feels lacking in competence and falls prey to discouragement.
- iv. The **facilitator, personalist or democratic method** has the basic consideration of the formee and the formator being at the same level, at human level, as two persons. The difference is that the formator has more maturity, experience and competence. However, he is not here to prevail over the formee. He, rather, places his maturity and experience at the service of the formee that he may grow as a mature person, manifesting his capacities, being self-confident and being himself, living with others in freedom. He exemplifies the values by his life, not imposing them but proposing and suggesting them. A formator cannot be neutral and so he knows how to make pedagogic interventions at opportune time. The formee attains a self-image matured within himself, fruit of his own reflexive reactions to different life situations, accompanied by the facilitator.<sup>8</sup>

These are some of the methods that one can have recourse to in the ongoing formation.

## Conclusion:

Method is the style of interaction or mode of formative intervention that the formative team uses. It is the technical part of the project, indicating how to achieve the desired goal. There are a wide variety of methods. Some pedagogical methods are: the directive method, the manipulative method, permissive method and democratic method. The methods differ owing to a wide variety of elements and so this is not an exhaustive list of them. It may require a mixture of different methods to actualise a project of formation. A carefully chosen method, corresponding to the goal, taking into account various factors - the type of formee, his personal experiences, personal history, available resources and instruments etc. - is essential for the success of the project of formation. However, the quality of the method alone cannot assure the desired goal and a particular method cannot be named as the best. The team of formators have the grave responsibility of choosing it, taking into account various factors that we have already discussed in the previous issues. Approached open minded, evaluated periodically, amplified and adjusted accordingly, the formation project could be a valid instrument of charismatic formation<sup>9</sup> of the Missionaries of Faith. May Mary, Queen of Confessors of faith, accompany us!

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## End Notes

1. CLERICAL CONGREGATION OF MISSIONARIES OF FAITH, *General order of Formation of Missionaries of Faith*, Rome, General Curia of the Missionaries of Faith, 2017, n. 550.
2. The difference of the structural organization is clearly visible in the statement that “the formators in the initial formation should be capable of establishing a method of formation that is spiritually and pedagogically rich.” The same is not said about the ongoing formation due to the aforesaid ambiguity. Cfr. *Ibid.*, nn. 156, 577.
3. Cfr. D. ORLANDO CIAN, *Metodologia della ricerca pedagogica*, Brescia, La Scuola, 1997, 7–26.
4. Cfr. M. GAHUNGU, *Programmare e valutare nella formazione presbiteriale e religiosa*, Roma, LAS, 2013, 144–147.
5. Cfr. *Ibid.*, 161–162.
6. Cfr. A. CENCINI, *I sentimenti del figlio. Il cammino formativo nella vita consacrata*, Bologna, Edizioni Dehoniane, 1998, 169–177.
7. Cfr. CLERICAL CONGREGATION OF MISSIONARIES OF FAITH, *General order of Formation of Missionaries of Faith*, nn. 214–226.
8. Cfr. M. GAHUNGU, *Programmare e valutare nella formazione presbiteriale e religiosa*, 143–161.
9. Cfr. JOHN PAUL II, *Vita Consacrata*, 68, in [http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_exh\\_25031996\\_vita-consecrata.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_25031996_vita-consecrata.html) (Accessed: 27 june 2020).



## NEWS FROM MAJOR ORGANISM

### Province of St. Paul (India)

#### Helping the poor

As the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected India too, very badly, many poor people who depend upon the daily wages were without work due to the long period of Lockdown. The Missionaries of Faith, St. Paul's province, India, had taken a noble step to help the poor. In Kerala, one time meal is given to the poor people of the local area in joining with government and police .



Fr. Aruldas Bosco executed a food-project during Covid-19 in his mission station at Sempatti, Tamilnadu. Together with the collaboration of the parishioners, he has organized the distribution of food packets and Grocery kit to the poor people in and around his mission area.

#### Construction of new Provincial house

Long time dream to have a provincial house is slowly progressing. The lockdown due to the Corona Virus pandemic very badly affected us also like other places. In spite of all these struggle we took a risk to continue the construction because we realized it is very necessary for the province in this present situations. We trust in God that we may be able to complete the ground floor with the limited amount of money.

## Renewal of Vows

The brothers had their renewal of the vows during the pandemic. As you all know and experience the trouble with this pandemic which has taken away the lives and affected by many, we conduct special prayers for the world.

## Province of St. Peter (India)

### Helping Hand from the Province

“Generosity Generates Generosity”. On 15 April 2020, the Province of St. Peter generously provided food provisions to 450 workers from Odisha who were struggling during the Lockdown because of COVID-19. Workers were happy and expressed their gratitude to the Province of St. Peter, Missionaries of Faith. This was done by the Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai, in the presence of MRO (Local Revenue Officer), Eluru.





## Parish of Bathili

On 12 April 2020, Rev. Fr. Anand Babu Gantedi, helped the poor people in his parish by providing food provisions needed for a week and the faithful were very happy and expressed their happiness and gratitude to the Parish Priest, Fr. Anand Babu Gantedi, for this act of charity during the crisis of Covid-19.



## Parish of Pallagutta



On 24 April 2020, Rev. Fr. Raju Dasari was kind enough to provide food Provisions sufficient for a week to the poor people in his parish who were struggling to run their families. The act of charity of Fr. Raju Dasari was well appreciated by the faithful in the Parish and expressed their gratitude to their Parish priest.

## Parish of Azzampudi

On 21 June 2020, Fr. Raju Baluvuri distributed food provisions to the poor people for one month, in order to help them during this difficult situation of Covid-19 Virus. It is a great support to the poorest of the poor in the parish. The help was rendered to all the people of the village irrespective of religion.



## Renewal of Vows

On 1 May 2020 nine of our temporarily professed religious renewed their religious profession at Holy Trinity Major Seminary, Nadiplli, in the presence of Rev. Fr. Maria Joji Rai, Provincial Superior, and few Priests. Rev. Fr. Paul Palipe, the Rector, arranged the event very well and it was a great joy to the Province of St. Peter.



## Feast of *Corpus Christi*



The Eucharistic Procession at Holy Trinity Major Seminary as the part of the celebration of the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*).





## Perpetual Profession

The Province is happy to inform all the members of the Congregation that four of our temporarily professed religious are going to profess perpetually on 29 June 2020, on the anniversary of the erection of the Province of St. Peter. We Congratulate them all.

Bro. Vinay Kumar. KOMMAREDDY  
 Bro. John. JALA  
 Bro. Naresh. GORREMUCHU  
 Bro. Rajababu. LAKKAPAM



## Province of Philippines

### Perpetual Profession



During a ceremony held on 20 May 2020 at the Domus Pastor Bonus, Southgate Subd. Brgy. Calumpang, Tayabas City, the Province of the Philippines had the joy of witnessing the perpetual profession of Bro. Reyamar M. Diarez, mf, Bro. Joseph Nguyen Van Luong, mf, and Bro. Joseph Nguyen Thanh Trung, mf.

After three years of temporary vows and having

completed the required formation, the three religious offered themselves totally to the Lord as they pronounced their vows of chastity, poverty and obedience in perpetuity.

Rev. Fr. Ricardo B. Basquiñez, MF, Provincial Superior of the Province of the Philippines received the perpetual vows during a con-celebrated Holy Mass with their formators Rev. Fr.



Federico I. Asesor, mf, and Rev. Fr. Jemilhelm Nuñez, mf. Other seminarians witnessed this momentous event as they themselves renewed their temporary vows.

Even amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, Bro. Reyamar M. Diarez, mf, Bro. Joseph Nguyen Van Luong, mf, and Bro. Joseph Nguyen Thanh Trung, mf, did not hesitate to consecrate themselves anew to follow God's call and to serve like Jesus. It is with awe and joy that they continue to echo the psalm, "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord" (Ps 89.2).

## Initiation 2020



This year, the whole world seems to be in trouble because of the many challenges that came our way: volcanic eruption, corona virus pandemic, just to mention a few. But, in spite of all of these, there is reason to be joyful, that is, in finding God's grace poured out in every situation.

This is the atmosphere of the celebration on 6 June 2020, when our brother, Seminarian Adriane Aragon of Tayabas City, (Quezon), was admitted into the Novitiate Formation. Rev. Fr. Ricardo Basquiñez, mf, Provincial Superior, presided over the celebration. It was a closed-door event, attended only by MF confreres from the different communities around the provinces of Laguna and of Quezon. These confreres looked for ways in order to attend the said celebration in spite of the community quarantine against corona virus being enforced in many parts of the Philippines archipelago.



During the Rite of Entrance to the Novitiate, Fr. Basquinez reminded the incoming novice to always to listen and to heed the voice of God who called the young Samuel. Like Samuel, the novice is encouraged to listen to his master, to obey his master, who will guide him in following and living the Missionaries of Faith way of life. He is further reminded that, like Samuel, he must be open and ready to answer to God's call, with the words, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;" for listening is important in the life of a religious. The Provincial also reminded him that the life of a novice is the same as to the answer of the Lord Jesus to the young man, that is, to leave all things behind, things that may be holding him back to follow Jesus fully. The new novice will be joining Novice Kristy, who was admitted late last year, in the novitiate formation.

A simple meal followed the liturgical celebration with the brothers sharing their stories and experiences with each other, in the last few months of being under the community quarantine.

### **Graduation during Corona Virus Pandemic**

Graduation is a special moment when friends, classmates, and family members of the graduates gather together to celebrate their achievements. It is a day where they receive their medals not made of gold but forged with year of hard work and perseverance.

However, this year is different than other years due to the corona virus pandemic that we are facing. Three seminarians of the Province of the Philippines have graduated while skipping the graduation ceremony and celebration, which were all cancelled. These three graduates are Adriane Aragon and Ramil Villalon in college, and Genry Jamito in pre-college.

They may not be able to experience the memorable graduation ceremony in the seminary, yet they are still grateful for the gift of success that they have received. They can now move to the next step in their journey towards priesthood which is the novitiate for the college graduates and philosophy for the pre-college graduate.



## San Sebastian Parish, Lumban, Laguna

### PASTORAL AND MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

**April 5, 2020:** The Missionaries of Faith community in the parish of San Sebastian Martyr in Lumban, Laguna, in the Diocese of San Pablo, Philippines, continue to respond to the pastoral and missionary challenges of the Church especially during this time of Pandemic.



**April 8, 2020:** The Parish Pastoral Council with Rev. Fr. Edilberto Gonzales-MESIAS, mf, Parish Priest, initiated the ecumenical gathering of pastors in the town proper of Lumban, Laguna, in response to the Year of Ecumenism. Present in the photo are pastors from different religious sects in the presence of the Municipal Mayor Rolando G. UBATAY. The activities ended up



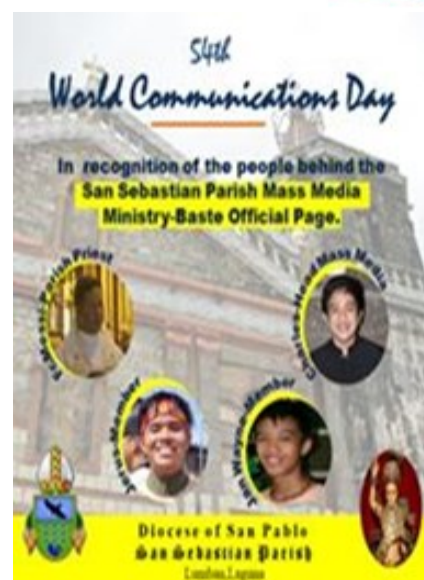
with the Candle lighting as part of the testimony of unity among pastors in proclaiming the Lord Jesus as the fountain of Life and Light of the world. There were more than 20 pastors who joined such activities and hoping to continue the work for unity.

As the world brazes the crises of Covid-19, the Church community of San Sebastian Parish, Lumban, Laguna, responded to the work of Charity and Generosity coming from the different church groups and organizations eager to become part of the activities of the Parish Social Action in giving help to those who are in dire need of groceries, medicine and other primary need of the families in the parish.

**Some photos of parish activities during LOCKDOWN, that is, from Holy Week to Easter Season.**







## Province of Vietnam

### **19th Death Anniversary of Fr. Peter Phan Danh Uy, the founder of God's Word Community**

The Holy Mass was celebrated on 25 February 2020 to mark the 19<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Fr. Peter Phan Danh Uy and to pray for the departed soul. The Holy Mass was celebrated in front of the tombs of Fr. Peter and Fr. Anthony.



Rev. Fr. Joseph Phan Trong Quang, the general councillor, in his homily, said: "The whole life of Fr. Peter could be said as a grain of wheat which fell to the ground, died, and bore fruits. As fruit of his labour we can see now more than 50 priests and 150 brothers and postulants in the Province of Vietnam".



## Profession of Temporal Vows and Perpetual Vows of Vietnamese Brothers studying in the Province of the Philippines



On 20 May 2020, two Vietnamese brothers renewed their temporal vows for one year and two other Vietnamese brothers professed their perpetual vows.



The Provincial Superior of the Province of Viet Nam delegated Rev. Fr. Ricardo B. Basquinez, m.f., the Provincial Superior of the Province of the Philippines, to receive the vows of the brothers.

## Football match with Jesuit and Redemptorist Scholasticates

A football match was conducted at the God's Word community among the Missionaries of Faith, the Jesuits, and the Redemptorists scholasticates. At present, there are many Vietnamese missionary brothers studying at the scholasticate of the Jesuit and Redemptorist scholasticates. This football match is as a fraternal connection of the Vietnamese Missionaries of Faith to the Jesuit and the Redemptorist congregations.





## Sacerdotal Anniversary Mass

On 25 May 2020, six priests of the Province celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> sacerdotal anniversary. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai.

The six priests are:

Fr. Peter Nguyen Hung Hai  
 Fr. Joseph Ngo Duc Tai  
 Fr. Anthony Nguyen Vu Truong  
 Fr. Michael Nguyen Duy Hung  
 Fr. Paul Ha Minh Tu  
 Fr. Joseph Nguyen Dinh Cao



The homily was delivered by Fr. Joseph Ngo Duc Tai. In his homily, he highlighted the greatness of priesthood. The priestly ministry, which is given by the priceless grace of God, is precious.

Therefore, priests should give thanks to God every day in their lives and refresh their lives. He also reminded of the weakness of priests themselves. Thus, priests

need prayers from other people, saints, and especially our Lady, Queen of the Confessor of Faith.

## Holy Trinity Sports Day



In the joy and happiness of the feast the Most Holy Trinity, the titular of the Congregation, the Province of Vietnam, in particular the God's Word Community, held a sports day. The participants of the games included priests, juniors, postulants, novices, and other students. There were various teams and games such as football, volleyball, table tennis...



### Ordination to diaconate

On 11 June 2020 six confreres received the diaconate and the ordination ceremony was presided over by Most Rv. Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc, concelebrated by Bishop Peter Tran Dinh Tu, the former bishop of Phu Cuong diocese, Fr. Thomas Dinh Ngoc Loc, the Provincial Superior, and other Missionaries of Faith priests. Number of brothers and many diocesan priests also took part in the celebration.

Three newly ordained deacons are:

Rev. Dominic Nguyen Thai Binh

Rev. Laurence Vu Van Trinh

Rev. Joseph Nguyen Duc Tien



Bishop Joseph, in his homily, invited all the candidates to the diaconate to be brave to serve. He said that they are called to carry out the mission of God; they come to serve others with their own humble heart and love all others as God has loved them.

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## Vice Province of Italy

### Renewal of vows

On 23 May 2020, Bro. Jesùs Yrady, belonging to the Vice-province of Italy, renewed his religious profession, in the hands of our Superior General, Fr. Jesùs Dajac, in the presence of the confreres. It was a moment of joy for the Missionaries of the Faith present in Rome. We pray that the Lord may fill him with all the necessary graces in his life of consecration, and we implore the Lord to grant us many holy vocations for the service of the Kingdom.



## Vice Province of Myanmar

### Annual Retreat of MF Myanmar Seminarians

The annual retreat of Myanmar MF seminarians was held at *Domus Mater Fidei* Vice-provincial Centre, DOUNGANKHA, from 13 to 19 April 2020. The retreat was conducted by Fr. Philip Soreh (OP). Nine MF seminarians participated in the retreat.



## Appointment of Novice Master

Rev. Fr. Martino Soe Thein, mf is appointed by the Superior General as the Novice Master of *Domus Mater Fidei* Novitate House at Doungankha, on 29 April 2020.



## Entrance to the Novitiate, Vows Renewal and Blessing of Cassock

On the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, 13 May 2020, during the Holy Mass in *Domus Mater Fidei*, Bro. Henry, and Bro. Dionysius were admitted to the Novitiate, Bro. Martusalem, and Bro. Giovanni renewed their religious profession and Bro. Jerome received the clerical habit.





## Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity was celebrated in our MF Myanmar Community on 8 June 2020. The MF Sisters also joined us in the Eucharistic celebration and dinner party in the evening.



## Vice Province of Oceania

### Admission of new candidates

The Vice-province Oceania is delighted to announce the acceptance of 4 Young men into our Postulancy programme 2020. On the Eve of the Pentecost, May 30, our local community in Samoa celebrated the event in a private but prayerful spirit, with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in our formation centre in Siusega, Samoa, so as to mark this special time in our Vice-province. Due to the pandemic and restrictions on travel, the Superior of the Vice-province delegated Rev. Fr Nicolas D. Fido, Local Superior, to act on his behalf for this special occasion. Co-celebrants were Fr. Ioane Anitelea (Formation commission member) and Fr. Filippo Fila (community member and confessor for



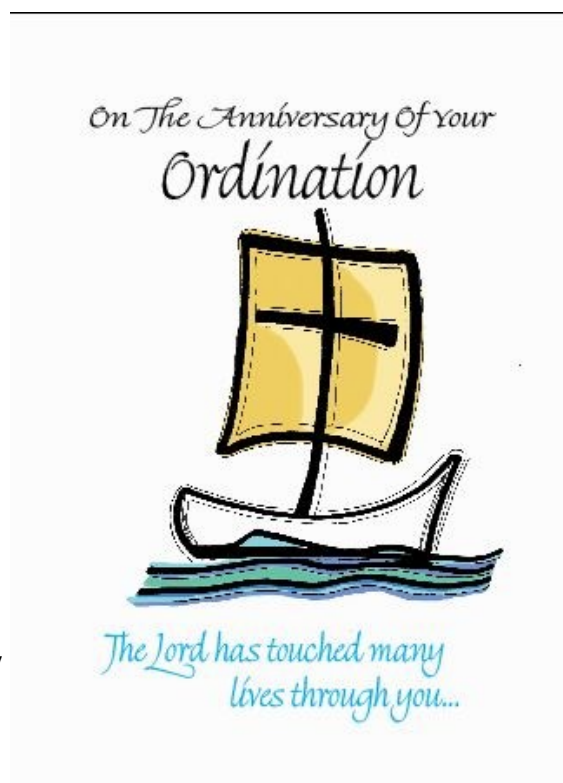
the formation centre). The candidates are: Anitelea Ponifasio, Etenasio Ponifasio, Iosefo Sitagata and Lusiano Lafao Faasami. We ask our religious Missionary Family in the world to remember our young men in your prayers and may our Blessed Mother, *Maria Regina Confessorum Fidei*, and the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit, principle and lead Formator be their guide throughout this important time of discernment.

### Ordination anniversaries

It is a blessing that in the month of June nine confreres of our Vice-province celebrate their Ordination Anniversaries:

- Fr. Douglas Fido – 19 Years
- Fr. Andrew Atonio – 19 Years
- Fr. Iosefo Timu – 19 Years
- Fr. Talipope Vaifale – 18 Years
- Fr. Falaniko Stowers – 18 Years
- Fr. Isaac Songa – 8 Years
- Fr. Joseph Thirumala – 7 Years
- Fr. Vijay Kumar - 6 Years

Hearty Congratulation to all of them and may Christ, the High Priests bless and lead them all.



### Official Facebook Page

The Vice-province requests every member of the Congregation to like and follow our Vice-province official newly created Facebook Page (Missionaries of Faith Oceania Vice Province), for more news and photos.





## Delegation of North America

### Transfer List 2020

1. Fr. Joseph PATHIYIL - Pastor at St. Philip Neri & St. Albert in Alameda, CA.
2. Fr. Joel A. JORES - Associate Pastor at St. Philip Neri & St. Albert in Alameda, CA.
3. Fr. Kuriakose NADOOPARAMBIL - Pastor at Maria Lanakila in Lahaina, HI.
4. Fr. Robert NI NI - Associate Pastor at Maria Lanakila in Lahaina, HI.
5. Fr. Poulose KANNAMPILLY - Fremont Area Hospitals Chaplain, Fremont, CA.

### Sabbatical Leave

Fr. Robert CHINNAPAN was granted a 6-month sabbatical period.

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