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## **CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARIES**

**1<sup>st</sup> Centenary of the death of Fr Paul Albera - 2021**

**4<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales - 2022**

Dear confreres and members of the Salesian Family,

I send you all my affectionate greetings, together with my best wishes that all may be well at this particular time we are sharing with the rest of humanity.

I believe that many of you will receive this letter together with the document setting out our Congregation's programme for the next six years, following GC28 which, as you know, finished early. The next written item that will come to you will be a publication entitled: "GC28. Chapter Reflections". In other words, its title will not be "Chapter Documents", given that the process of study and approval by the Chapter itself was not fully completed.

It is certainly the case that this has been a very special time that, until now, has not been experienced by the Congregation, with the exception of what happened to Fr Paul Albera who was elected Rector Major at the 11<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, and who remained in office for twelve years due to the First World War. This prevented a new General Chapter. It was 21 September 1921 when he convened the new General Chapter and I quote his words: "Twelve years without a General Chapter. Next year will be twelve years since the loving Providence of the Lord, who usually chooses the weak and the inept for the accomplishment of his works, called me to succeed the venerable and unforgettable D. Rua in the government of the Congregation; therefore, according to the norms of our Constitutions, the General Chapter must meet for the election of the new Rector Major."<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Lettere circolari di Don Paolo Albera ai Salesiani*, Lettera XLIII. Direzione Generale delle Opere Salesiane, Torino, 1965, p. 548.

Therefore, the reason for this letter is because two important anniversaries will soon be upon us.

29 October 2021 will be the first centenary of the death of Fr Paul Albera, the second successor of Don Bosco, and 28 December 2022 will be the fourth centenary of the death of our patron and titular saint, Saint Francis de Sales. Given the occasion of these anniversaries, I would like to announce that **2021 will be the year for commemorating Fr Albera, and 2022 the year for commemorating Saint Francis de Sales.**

*Fr Paul Albera* was Rector Major from 1910 to 1921. Don Bosco felt that he was very close to his spirit since he was a boy at the Oratory. As Rector Major, despite the terrible time of the First World War, that saw a prolonged interruption to the growth and formation of the Congregation (1914-1918), he succeeded in maintaining and developing the Salesian work in Europe and other continents. He was a man of culture and elevated spirituality as we can grasp from his circular letters.

The young Paul was a calm, smiling and studious lad. The memory of Dominic Savio, who had died the year before he came to Valdocco, encouraged the best boys to follow in his footsteps. He became a friend of Michael Magone, his neighbour in the dormitory. He excelled in school, but also stood out for his piety. One day in 1861, it was he whom Don Bosco chose to pose at his side for the historic photograph that pictures him as a penitent making his confession to Don Bosco.

The young Albera was among the first group of 22 Salesians to publicly profess their vows on 14 May 1862. In 1881 Don Bosco sent him as Provincial to France, where the people affectionately called him *le petit don Bosco*. In 1892 he returned to Turin to take up the role of “Catechist General” – in charge of formation. He undertook a lengthy visit to America from 1900 to 1903, as Fr Rua’s extraordinary representative, and in 1905 he accompanied Fr Rua on his trip to the Holy Land.

The 11<sup>th</sup> General Chapter commenced at Valdocco in Turin on 15 August 1910. This General Chapter had “the peculiarity of having had as its protagonists the first three successors of Don Bosco: it was

convened by Fr Rua, who died before it began; it was reconvened, opened and presided over for two days by Fr Rinaldi, and presided over and closed by Fr Albera, who was elected Rector Major at this Chapter.<sup>2</sup>

On 16 August 1910, the members of the 11<sup>th</sup> General Chapter chose Fr Albera as the second successor of Don Bosco, after Fr Rua. He himself would write, recalling the moment eleven years earlier: "I remember now how it was now the memorable morning of August 16, 1910, when I saw myself, unworthy as I was, raised to such a sublime office, such a grave responsibility. I remember the emotion, or rather the consternation felt at the time; the anxieties, the fears, the tears shed that day at the tomb of D. Bosco, the ardent prayers that I addressed to this good Father of ours so that he might come to my aid; and how, in the end, I induced myself to accept the charge, albeit with great repugnance, and only so as not to contradict the divine appointment... Then, all the marvels that God was pleased to work over these years, making use of my poor person, parade before my memory."<sup>3</sup>

In the presentation of the text concerning the 11<sup>th</sup> General Chapter presided over by Fr Albera, I myself write that, approaching the first centenary of his death in 1921, we have a "unique opportunity to take advantage of the circumstance and to make known this Rector Major about whom we do not have many sources, although those we do have are of incalculable value: his circulars, his intimate diary, the chronicles of his travels, especially the one he made to America as a delegate of Fr Rua, during which, with great sacrifice, he visited all the Houses in the American continent. His correspondence and that of his companion, Fr Gusmano, with the superiors of Turin, offer invaluable information about his life, adventures, sufferings, and his brilliant successes with his confreres who worked there. Likewise the news reports in the Salesian Bulletin and the many Spanish newspapers that reported his numerous

<sup>2</sup> González Jesús-Graciliano, *XI Capitolo Generale della Pia Società Salesiana presieduto da Don Paolo Albera (1910)*, CCS, Madrid, 2020, p. XLVIII.

<sup>3</sup> *Lettere circolari...*, op.cit., p. 549.

interventions during the almost five-month-long triumphal journey he made through the Iberian Peninsula.”<sup>4</sup>

Gifted with refined sensitivity, and given his familiarity with many spiritual writers among whom in particular Saint Francis de Sales, Fr Albera wrote circular letters that are precious mini treatises that make him a kind of master of Salesian virtues.

As Rector Major he undertook many travels because he felt the need for direct contact with the growing Salesian Family.

In any case, his greatest trial was the First World War (1914-1918). A direct consequence of this tragic event was the impossibility of holding a General Chapter during his time of office, as already indicated. Fr Albera recommended to those in charge to assist confreres in the military both morally and materially. He insisted on the maintaining of existing works, and intervened personally on behalf of refugees and war orphans, and wrote a monthly circular letter to Salesians who were called to arms. Despite the losses and the slowdown caused by the war, the Congregation resumed its path, uphill though it was, as soon as the hostilities ceased.

For us, Fr Albera is a great model of love for Don Bosco. He is also an inspiration for the time we are going through, the first global pandemic to affect life in all countries on a planetary scale, the long-term effects of which we can only imagine, for now, with a large degree of uncertainty.

The second successor of Don Bosco was also a valiant scholar and imitator of the virtues of St Francis de Sales. I would like to remind you that it was indeed Fr Albera who in 1921 announced a year of celebration for the 3<sup>rd</sup> centenary of the death of our Patron. On that occasion he wrote: “Another topic very close to my heart that I would like to direct your attention to is that of the 3<sup>rd</sup> centenary of the death of St Francis de Sales, which will take place on 28 December of the coming year.

<sup>4</sup> González Jesus – Graciliano, *op.cit.*, p. XVI.



We should not only take our name from him but likewise his spirit, so we have a duty before all others to celebrate this worthily.”<sup>5</sup> Then after reminding people that Don Bosco’s educational principles were those of Saint Francis de Sales, “charity, gentleness, familiarity, the holy fear of God infused into hearts, preventing, obstructing evil so that we are not then forced to punish it,”<sup>6</sup> Fr Albera puts the following request to the confreres: “In each of you, my dear children, may there be a holy fervour to further explore the writings of our heavenly Patron, especially the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, the *Treatise on the Love of God* and the *Spiritual Letters*: this is the first and most practical way to celebrate his glorious centenary.”<sup>7</sup>

After writing this beautiful letter announcing this “Salesian” year, Fr Paul Albera gave up his soul to the Lord on 29 October 1921, leaving the celebration of the jubilee year he had promulgated up to his successor, Fr Philip Rinaldi.

Now it is up to us to celebrate both the first centenary of the death of dear Fr Albera, and the fourth centenary of the death of our holy Patron, Francis de Sales.

*Saint Francis de Sales* died in Lyons, during a journey, on 28 December 1622. His solemn funeral took place in his cathedral in Annecy on 24 January 1623, and on 29 January that year his body was buried in the church belonging to the first Visitation monastery in Annecy. He was listed among the saints in 1665. Blessed Pius IX proclaimed him as a Doctor of the Church in 1877. On 26 January 1923, Pius XI proclaimed him as the patron of journalists. In 1967, in his letter *Sabaudiae gemma* Saint Paul VI described him as “doctor of divine love and evangelical kindness” as well as “doctor of spiritual direction”<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> *Lettere circolari...*, *op.cit.*, p. 552.

<sup>6</sup> *Idem*, p. 553-554.

<sup>7</sup> *Idem*, p. 554.

<sup>8</sup> Paul VI, *Sabaudiae Gemma. Apostolic Letter for the fourth centenary of the birth of St Francis de Sales Doctor of the Church*, Rome 29 January 1967.

For us in the Congregation and the Salesian Family, there is no lack of reasons for celebrating a year dedicated to Saint Francis de Sales:

- Don Bosco, drawing inspiration from the kindness and zeal of the holy Bishop of Geneva, gave us the name Salesians, and pointed out a programme of life in the maxim: *Da mihi animas, cetera tolle* (C. 4);
- Other than to Our Lady Help of Christians and St Joseph, Don Bosco entrusted our Society to Saint Francis de Sales, “zealous pastor and doctor of charity” (C. 9);
- The Salesian relies on the intercession of Saint Francis de Sales in order “to be faithful” (C. 24);
- The entire Salesian Family of Don Bosco is placed under the protection of this great Patron Saint.

The main objective that we set ourselves in this anniversary is to make the figure, spirituality and pedagogy of St Francis de Sales known among us Salesians.

Saint Francis de Sales reminds us that holiness is for everyone and that we must accompany the young on the way to this goal.

At this moment in the life of the Church and our Family, we are especially sensitive to spiritual accompaniment. And our Patron is one of the great teachers of this art in the Church’s history. We have much to learn from him. To the practice of spiritual direction, inherited from St Ignatius of Loyola, St Francis de Sales wanted to add the friendship between the one who accompanies and the one being accompanied – and Don Bosco, spontaneously, added the community dimension to this.

But in the first instance St Francis de Sales speaks to us about the heart and invites us to recover the loving-kindness and healthy affection that are at the heart of the Preventive System that Don Bosco left us, since “whosoever gains the heart has won the whole man”.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Part III, Chap. XXIII.

## EVENTS PLANNED

Several initiatives are planned. Here I mention those of a more comprehensive and international nature. I hope that many others will be promoted and carried out at regional level, the level of provinces or individual communities.

### *2021: Year dedicated to Fr Paul Albera*

- 14 January 2021: opening of the centenary at Valdocco, Turin during the Salesian Family Spirituality Days.
- 30 October – 1 November 2021: congress on Fr Paul Albera, at Valdocco, Turin.
- 16 January 2022: closure of the centenary dedicated to Fr Albera and the Opening of the year dedicated to St Francis de Sales, at Valdocco, Turin, also during the Salesian Family Spirituality Days.

Among the other initiatives at world level we should recall the publication of a Life of Fr Paul Albera and a new edition of some of his letters.

### *2022: Year dedicated to Saint Francis de Sales*

- As indicated previously, on 16 January 2022: closure of the year dedicated to Fr Paul Albera – Opening of the year dedicated to St Francis de Sales at Valdocco, Turin, during the Salesian Family Spirituality Days.
- 18-20 November 2022: congress on Francis de Sales, UPS, Rome.
- 28 December 2022, fourth anniversary of his death: participation at Annecy in celebrations at diocesan level.
- 15 January 2023: conclusion of the year at Valdocco, Turin, during the Salesian Family Spirituality Days.

Other initiatives at world level: the Strenna for 2022 will have charity in St Francis de Sales as its theme; a series of retreats will be held in Annecy in various languages; these will take advantage of the places of St Francis de Sales (Annecy, Lyons, Turin, Treviso...); aids will be published for the retreats and video conferences to assist days of

recollection and community days; biographies and works at a popular level, to be integrated into programmes for Salesian initial formation phases and available to all communities; video presentations introducing the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, *The Treatise on the Love of God* and the *Letters*; web pages with access to works and an extended bibliography for further exploration.

Saint Francis de Sales was the founder of and inspiration behind a number of Institutes of Consecrated Life. Where possible I encourage collaboration with these institutes, as also with the diocese associated with him in a special way.

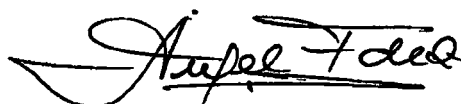
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Dear confreres, dear members of the Salesian Family,

These two anniversaries are a great opportunity for a further understanding of the charism we have received. We recall Don Bosco's words: "I am now sketching a rough copy of the Congregation. I shall leave it to those who will come after me to perfect it."<sup>10</sup> It is up to us, now, to build a small piece of our great story, for the good of so many young people throughout the world, for the good of their families and those we intend to accompany and for the growth in charismatic fidelity of our beautiful Salesian Family of Don Bosco.

May Our Lady Help of Christians sustain us at all times and extend her hand over us as her much beloved sons and daughters.

With great affection in Don Bosco,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ángel F. Artime', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr Ángel FERNÁNDEZ ARTIME, sdb  
Rector Major

<sup>10</sup> MB XI, 309, but the translation is taken from the English edition of the *Biographical Memoirs*, Vol XI, p. 289 (New Rochelle, New York 1964).

## 4. ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

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### 4.1 Chronicle of the Rector Major

*Below are some of the main activities of the Rector Major in the Semester from January to June 2020.*

The activities over these months have been marked by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has strongly conditioned and limited commitments on the agenda.

Once the General Chapter was closed, the Rector Major stayed in Valdocco for another eight days to accompany the 58 Chapter members who were unable to return to their Provinces. It was a week in which the Rector Major was able to share a lot of time with all the Chapter members, taking the opportunity to dialogue personally with all the remaining Provincials: more than twenty.

On his return to Rome, he chaired some meetings of the General Council. These meetings were held with the presence of a part of the Council at Headquarters and six other councillors in their different Provinces of origin. Currently, there are four councillors who have not been able to reach Rome; while three others have not been able to leave Rome and return to their regions.

The discernment that led to the appointment of nine Provincials basically took place in this first period.

In May, the Rector Major returned to Valdocco accompanied by the Economer General. On this occasion he was again able to greet the confreres who were still there two and a half months after the end of the General Chapter. 42 Chapter members were still there.

On 24 May the Rector Major celebrated the feast of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco, going to Colle Don Bosco and Chieri the following day for celebrations once again for our Patroness.

On his return to Rome, he and the General Council began the summer plenary session, which lasted until 10 July. The work of the Council took place as usual with morning and afternoon sessions, interspersed with other meetings.

On Saturday, 20 June, he took part in the World Council of Salesian Cooperators by video-conference. And then at the Curatorium of our Pontifical Salesian University.

On Thursday morning, 25 June, the Rector Major signed the agree-

ment at the offices of the Governorate of Vatican City between the Congregation and the Holy See for the use of areas provided for the Salesian community which has been in the Vatican for over 70 years.

Continuing with the weekly rhythm of the General Council, on the morning of Saturday 27 June, the Rector Major presided at the Eucharist for the conclusion of the academic year at Mother Ersilia Canta House, belonging to the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. In the afternoon of the same day, as the Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Faculty of Education at the "Auxilium", he took part in the commemorative moment for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that Faculty.

The following day, along with the members of the General Council physically present at Headquarters, he went to Camaldoli, to the *Oasi del Divino Amore* for the week of Retreat.

On the afternoon of Thursday, 9 July, the Rector Major had a private audience with the Holy Father Pope Francis at *Casa Santa Marta* in the Vatican. On this occasion he was able to deal with various topics concerning the life of the Congregation and, above all, he was able to express his personal thanks and those of all the confreres for the

willingness expressed by the Pope to be present at the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter in Valdocco, Turin, on 6 and 7 March. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 situation did not permit this historic visit, one already prepared for and that Pope Francis strongly desired to make.

The Rector Major conversed with the Pope for 47 minutes, in an atmosphere of great cordiality. A sign of this is the now usual familiarity that characterises the not uncommon meetings between the Rector Major and the Successor of Peter, expressed in the words of greeting of the Pope himself: «*¡Che gallego! ¿cómo te encontrás?*» which means something along the lines of «Hi there, Gallician! How's life?».

Finally, on Friday 10 July, the Rector Major presided over the final plenary meeting of the General Council which was followed by the traditional good night to the community at Headquarters.

## 4.2 Chronicle of the General Councillors

### The Vicar of the Rector Major

Following his election at GC28, the Vicar of the Rector Major, during the early days of the Chapter before its premature closing due to COVID 19, made himself available to understand and carry out the tasks the Rector Major had given him.

When GC28 closed on Saturday 14 March 2020, he spent a few more days at Valdocco, leaving for Rome on Tuesday 17 March, shortly before the arrival of the other Councillors and the Rector Major at Headquarters in Rome.

By the end of March the COVID emergency had become widespread and more serious, gradually becoming a total blockage of movement for health reasons. Hence Fr Martoglio remained at headquarters at *Sacro Cuore* in Rome throughout the period that followed, living with the other confreres in the community and beginning the activities of animation and advice that such a difficult time permitted.

At the end of April and in the first week of May the General

Council began to work online, linking the councillors in the house with those still in their countries of origin who were unable to move. In order to be able to hold these first plenary meetings of the General Council online, it was decided to hold a daily working session from 12:00 to 14:00, Central European Time, which allowed all the councillors to connect.

Despite it being a unique and historically unprecedented approach, the General Council was able to gather around the Rector Major and begin its journey.

After this first session of the General Council online between 15 and 21 May, the Vicar visited the Salesian places in Piedmont to carry out some projects to be concluded.

Returning to Rome before the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians, Fr Martoglio remained in Rome all the time afterwards until the beginning of the summer plenary session of the General Council, which began on 3 June and ended on 10 July 2020.

This session of the Council took place like the previous one, still online, to allow all the councillors not at headquarters to connect and work with the Rector Major.

## The Councillor for Formation

Shortly after the conclusion of GC28 on 14 March 2020, the General Councillor for Formation, Ivo Coelho, returned to Headquarters on via Marsala, 42, in Rome, where he remained throughout the period following the lockdown resulting from the Covid-19 [pandemic].

From halfway through March until the end of May, the Councillor with his team continued to work on projects begun during the previous six year term: publication and dissemination of *Animating and Governing the Community. The Ministry of the Salesian Rector and Young Salesians and Accompaniment. Orientations and Guidelines*; the design and publication of the prayer manual *In Dialogue With the Lord*; finalisation of the App *Salesians@Prayer*; and work on revising the Salesian Proper (Missal, Lectionary, Liturgy of the Hours). The team also took in hand the implementation of conclusions reached during studies on initial formation in 2019 in the Africa - Madagascar, East Asia - Oceania and South Asia regions, with particular attention to the expected increase in the number of theology students in the Africa - Madagascar region in the coming years.

On 6 May the Formation team held an online dialogue with the team at the *Centro de Formación Permanente America* (Quito). Also, in collaboration with the Social Communication Department, the team is producing a series of videos to disseminate *Animating and Governing the Community. The Ministry of the Salesian Rector*.

Regarding the accompaniment and monitoring of the effects of the pandemic on formation houses, the formation team had online meetings with Prof. Michal Vojtas, SDB of UPS to discuss distance learning through the use of digital technology (1 May), and with provincials and provincial delegates for formation from the Africa - Madagascar region, to discuss the economic impact of the pandemic on formation houses (19 and 21 May).

The team also set in motion a series of online interactions with Salesians taking part in the Ongoing Formation Course for Formators at the UPS, in place of the scheduled "Salesian Formation Week" in the places of Don Bosco, that had to be scrapped due to the lockdown. On 13 June, a small seminar was organised on the topic of the internal forum in formation, with a contribution and discussion with Fr Paulo Profilo, from the Sao Paulo province in Brazil. He had re-



cently completed his thesis for his Licentiate on this issue.

Fr Coelho took part in the plenary sessions of the General Council from 27 April to 8 May, and again from 3 June to 10 July 2020. On 6 June he presided at the Curatorium meeting for the Ceferino Namuncurá specific formation centre ("Gerini") and on 20 June took part in the Curatorium for the UPS. From 28 June to 4 July he took part in the annual retreat along with the Rector Major and Councillors who were in Rome. This took place at the *Oasi Divin Maestro*, Camaldoli.

### **The Councillor for Youth Ministry**

On 21 April a meeting was held by video-conference with a large group of Salesians and lay people, coordinators of the Salesian works of Christ the King and Mary Help of Christians (MEM). The theme presented by the Councillor focused on pastoral care in times of coronavirus. A month later, on 22 May, the Councillor was able to share a similar video conference, but adapted to the laity working at the Pinar-di Social Platform (Madrid, Spain).

On 19 May, at the request of the Missions Office in Madrid, an on-

line conference was held with one of the renewable energy companies already operating in our African PFCs, with the idea of collaborating adequately in the future with Don Bosco Tech Africa.

On 26 May 2020 the Councillor for Youth Ministry was present at the annual meeting of members and partners of the Don Bosco Network (DBN), together with the Councillor for the Missions. This took place online and saw an exchange of the different activities in progress aimed at planning Advocacy for the Salesian Family.

The DBI Assembly took place on Monday 22 June, at which the Councillor for Youth Ministry was elected President of the Association.

Over these months (from April until June), despite the difficulties, the Department team was involved in 14 meetings (online and physical) to prepare a first draft of planning for the six year term, bearing in mind the path marked out by reflection at GC28, the assessment made by the Department, the challenges and particular needs of the Church, pending guidance from the Rector Major. In concrete terms, the priority commitments of the Department, pastoral animation and other settings. One new item, in contact with Renato Cursi (DBI) and Fr Thomas Pallithanam (Sale-

sian representative at the United Nations) was that the Councillor considered it appropriate to include a section that could include their service of "Advocacy and Representation in International Institutions".

### **The Councillor for Social Communication**

When the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter concluded, the newly-elected Councillor for Social Communication, Fr Gildásio Mendes dos Santos, returned to Brazil to the headquarters of the St John Bosco Province in Belo Horizonte (BBH).

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis which has led to restrictions on movement, the Councillor has been unable to move to Rome, Italy, to take part in person at meetings of the General Council. Therefore, in May and June he had to take part in General Council meetings – the summer plenary session – through video-conferences.

From 20-30 March, he saw to the order and scheduling of the various online services with the Department's Communications Team: Web Site, ANS, Photos, Videos, Salesian Bulletin.

From 3-15 April was busy revising the *Salesian Social Communi-*

*cation System* (SSCS) document, drawing up guidelines for topics and preparing for drawing up a communications plan for the Department, scheduled meetings of Regional Delegates for Communication due to begin in September 2020.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> he was involved in preparing letters of invitation, guidelines, and contacts with Provincials and Delegates, and others responsible for preparing the meetings of Communications Delegates in accordance with the Department's plan for regions in the Americas, Europe, Africa-Madagascar, South Asia, East Asia-Oceania.

From 5-12 May he drew up a first draft of a text on Social Communications that he is proposing to share with Delegates of Communication.

From the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> he spent time in Brasilia visiting Salesians and Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. He concelebrated the Eucharist at the Shrine of Don Bosco, then met with the Rector of the Shrine, Fr Jonathan Alex, and the Executive Director of the RSB and EDEBÊ, Fr Waldomiro Bronakowski.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> he presided at the instalment of the new Superior of St John Bosco Province (BBH),

Fr Vitali Natale, at the Province's headquarters in Belo Horizonte.

From 2-6 June, Fr Gildásio met first with the Provincial of Sao Paulo Brazil (BSP), Fr Justo Piccinini, and with the Communications Delegate of Sao Paulo Province, Fr Douglas Galvão, to plan preparations for the meeting of Communications Delegates and those in charge of radio and publishing in the Americas. The meeting is due to be held in September 2020 at Campos do Jordão, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

From the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> he was in Campo Grande Province (BCG). He met with the Provincial, Fr Ricardo Carlos. On the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus he presided at the Eucharist at the Universidade Católica Dom Bosco – Campo Grande, together with the Rector, Fr José Marinoni and Pro-Rector for University Ministry, Fr Idenilson Lemes da Conceição.

From the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> he took part – online – first of all in a meeting with the YM Delegate and Coordinators for the Salesian Province of Chile, and afterwards at a communications workshop organised by the Delegates for Communication from Argentina, Bolivia and Colombia.

From the 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> he met with both the Provincial of Porto

Alegre (RS), Fr Gilson Marcos da Silva, and the Provincial Delegate for Communication as well as with the responsible for the Brazilian version of the Salesian Bulletin.

### **The Councillor for the Missions**

Following the closure of GC28 the Missions Councillor left Valdocco for Headquarters in Rome on 16 March. Following the obligatory two weeks of quarantine, he attempted to return to his Province (PGS) to prepare to hand over to his successor. Unable to leave Rome due to the lockdown both in Italy and Papua New Guinea, he profited from the opportunity to dialogue with the team of collaborators in the Missions Sector, preparing a draft plan for the six year term. Then with the Sector team he began meeting Provincial Delegates for missionary animation from some regions through video-conferences.

On 25 March 2019 he took part in an online planning meeting of Salesian Mission Offices from all continents and the Don Bosco Network, to coordinate initiatives during the pandemic. This gave rise to the *Don Bosco Worldwide Solidarity Against COVID 19* coordinated by Fr George Menampampil

from the Missions Sector, and this has allowed all of our Mission Offices to network their initiatives and collaborate with other members of the Salesian Family. On 2 April he took part in the DB Network Board Meeting that took place exclusively online.

He also took part in meetings of General Councillors physically present at Headquarters, meetings called by the Rector Major to revise the General Council's Directory.

He took part in all sessions of the General Council and in the annual Retreat, hoping to be able to return to Papua New Guinea after the General Council's summer session.

### **The Economist General**

During January 2020, the Economist General was present for the various General Council sessions held at the General House in Rome. Halfway through the month he took part in the Spirituality Days that were held in Valdocco, and in meetings of the *Don Bosco Mondo* Curatorium in Bonn. On 29 January he took part in the Don Bosco Network meeting in Brussels.

During February and March, the Economist General moved to Turin as a member of the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter, which concluded prema-

turely on 14 March 2020, following the spread of the Coronavirus pandemic. On 12 March 2020, Bro. Jean Paul Muller was reconfirmed as Economist General of the Salesian Congregation for the 2020-2026 six-year term.

Over the weeks that followed, and in April, given the period of confinement, activities were much reduced, nevertheless a number of meetings were held by video-conference to prepare and organise work for the coming months/years within the Congregation. A number of distance meetings were also held with the Don Bosco Network and Economists General from other Congregations. During this period, there has been great concern for the communities that have suffered the consequences of the pandemic. Together with the Missions Sector there has been coordination to provide aid. At the same time, a fundraiser was organised which was well received throughout the world, thus giving important support to projects to be implemented during the emergency period in the Salesian world.

At home, The Economist studied the experience of the GC28 with his team by analysing the impact on management and administration within the Salesian Congregation. For the future, there is great con-

cern about a new wave of “hunger” around the world due to the COVID pandemic. At the same time, however, we must not forget the serious damage that locusts are causing in many regions of the world, especially in Africa, due to lack of rain and water and extreme drought.

In dialogue with economists from the regions a calendar has been drawn up for formation of economists/bursars/treasurers, and to prepare conferences to advance issues of *an economy in the service of the Salesian charism* by putting into practice Pope Francis’ encyclical “*Laudato Si*”.

Around 24 May, together with the Rector Major the Economist General once again visited Valdocco, Chieri and Colle Don Bosco to focus on restoration works and improvements that could be implemented for receiving people within the Salesian Places.

The Economist’s calendar of events continues to include meetings with lawyers based on meetings and decisions made to bring an end to the Gerini cause.

From May and then, on a continuous basis from 1 June, the work of the new General Council commenced, which began to examine the various requests received from the Provinces. The presentation of the *final Balance sheet for 2019* and

preparation for distribution of the Rector Major’s funds for the first semester of 2020 are two of the many needs for the Economist General in the summer session of the General Council. During the second half of May, the Economist General took part in the General Assembly of Don Bosco International and the assembly of VIS members.

### ***The Councillor for the Africa and Madagascar Region***

After the premature conclusion of GC28, the new General Councillor for Africa and Madagascar, Fr Alphonse Owoudou, left Turin (Valdocco) on 21 March, together with the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernandez Artime, to come to Headquarters in Rome to settle in and begin to take up Region matters. For a little over a month he was assisted by his predecessor, Fr Chaquise Américo, who was then appointed as Bursar of the community at Colle Don Bosco. In the following days, then throughout April, the new Regional closely followed consultations in ATE and MDG for the appointment of their respective new Superiors. These consultations, along with the one already in progress for reconfiguring West Africa, had been entrusted

to Fr Américo. Communication and meetings with the Region have been carried out electronically. It is by this means that the Africa and Madagascar Region, after confirmation from the Formation Sector and some communications for the Provinces of the Region and their Delegates, took part in the two meetings on 19 and 21 May 2020, with the French and English speaking confreres respectively.

The Regional then took part in two working sessions of the Formation Sector with the Rector Major and the Economer General to take stock of the situation and perspectives of formation houses in Africa and Madagascar. On Saturday, 9 May 2020, the Regional took part in a working session convened by the new Councillor for Salesian Missions, Fr Alfred Maravilla, together with his collaborator, Fr George Menampampil, to better understand the procedures of the Rector Major's Distributions and Aid to Provinces in order to better accompany them. The Regional also undertook, from 6 May 2020, a series of contacts with the student confreres of the Africa and Madagascar Region at the UPS: first of all to inform himself about each one's health at a time when the UPS was enduring a media storm tied in with the pandemic. Finally, the Regional

undertook two 'local' visits. The first was the priestly ordination, at the Pontifical Salesian University, of confreres Felix Olamide (AFW), Joseph Kunle Ogundana (ICN), and Hinonso Johnpaul Aneke (AFW), on 14 June 2020. He was then present for the defence of her Doctoral thesis by Sr Silvia Melandri, and FMA missionary in AFO (Cotonou, ISFES), on the subject "*Towards a new alliance between science, culture and society: Guidelines for building an African Space for Higher Education in the light of the thinking of Jean-Marc Ela.*"

### ***The Councillor for the Latin America - South Cone Region***

As soon as GC28 had finished, the Regional Councillor for America – South Cone left for Argentina, where he remained until July due to the COVID-19 situation and the lengthy quarantine decreed by that country and the respective closure of international frontiers.

Over these months he was able to attend various meetings of the two regional conferences by video-conference. In CIS Brazil, he took part in the meeting of Provincials and the Brazil Salesian Network together with the FMA. And at

CiSur, also the meeting with SDB and FMA Provincials of the Conference, the National Formation Commission, Argentina and one of the Chilean meetings of pastoral coordinators.

In both Conferences he accompanied some of the meetings of the Curatoriums for the interprovincial formation houses regarding the reorganisation of their activities during this time, and for the appointment of future Rectors.

He was also able to offer virtual greetings to the various groups of the Salesian Family of the region on the occasion of the various celebrations and in particular with ADMA for the feast of Mary Help of Christians and with Past Pupils for their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 24 June.

During June and July he also took part in virtual meetings of the *Don Bosco Green Alliance* regional team which is planning the formation of a number of pastoral workers, consecrated and lay, in America, to look after the environment and ecology.

### ***The Councillor for the East Asia and Oceania Region***

Since his election as EAO Regional, on 13 June Fr Joseph Nguyen

Thinh Phuoc made plans for his travel to Italy. But a lockdown policy has been implemented by the respective governments and as far as the end of June no one has known when it will be lifted. He has had to remain in the Provincial House in Vietnam where he has been carrying out his animation services.

Besides improving his Italian, so he can merge with the General Council's activities, Fr Joseph has begun studying the situations of provinces/vice-provinces and delegations in the Region. For most of May-June, with daily help from his predecessor, Fr Vaclav Klement, he has gone through all the Extraordinary Visitation Reports, 'Road Maps', in detail to understand the current situations and needs of the EAO Region, those of each province/vice-province and delegation. This one-to-one guidance, or even coaching, has proved very significant for his role as Regional for the coming six-year term.

From the beginning of June, he has also taken part in daily online meetings of the General Council. These meetings have been most spiritual and formative for him as he has made the effort to grasp matters of the Congregation at the worldwide level, and in particular, continuing the work of the GC28. Like other new Councillors, he has

been learning step by step how to fulfill his role and ministry as a link between the Rector Major together with his Council and the Region entrusted to his accompaniment.

Also, as an initial way of getting in touch with the people of the Region, as well as opening a channel for communication, he has continued the good tradition of Fr Vaclav, with a monthly message directed to all confreres and members of Salesian Family and friends of Don Bosco. With the assistance of the VIE social communication commission, and those of other provinces/vice-provinces, the monthly messages have reached hundreds and maybe thousands of people through YouTube, Facebook Video. At the same time, he has begun his ministry of animation by direct email communication with the Provincials and Superiors of EAO and with some people in charge of EAO regional commissions through both email and video meetings.

### ***The Councillor for the South Asia Region***

After the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter was closed abruptly, the Regional of South Asia, Fr Biju Michael, together with Provincials and dele-

gates from nine Provinces of the Region, were stranded at Valdocco, Turin, due to the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

From 30 March to 5 April 2020, the Regional held personal meetings with the Provincials and delegates of each of the nine Provinces (INB, INC, IND, ING, INK, INM, INT, INS, and LKC) of the South Asia Region.

On 6-8 April, the Regional moderated a Brainstorming Meeting in which the Provincials and delegates from all the nine Provinces participated and drew up a list of priorities for the region based on the discussions of the General Chapter and the concluding message of the Rector Major. These are to be further discussed by the SPCSA Council after the Rector Major publishes his six-year plan.

On 8 April, a joint meeting of INM, INT and LKC was organised to discuss the possibilities of collaboration in mission in the Sri Lanka Province.

On 9 April, a joint meeting of INC, IND, ING, and INS was held to discuss networking for skill training of youth in North East India, Nepal and Bangladesh. This meeting also discussed issues about the Centenary celebrations of the arrival of Salesians in North East India (1922-2022). On 9 April, an-



other meeting with the Convener of Don Bosco Green Alliance was held at Valdocco. On 10 April, an online meeting on Salesian Facilitating Services was held.

On 20 April, the Regional travelled from Turin to Rome in order to join the extraordinary session of the General Council held from 24 April to 8 May, at *Sacro Cuore*, Rome. The Regional met with the Rector Major and the Vicar of the Rector Major to discuss issues of the region on 23 April.

On 25 April, the Regional joined the online meeting of BOSCOM Delegates. On 28 April, a meeting with the Director of ANS was organised to appoint a coordinator from BOSCOM to facilitate a better flow of news from the region. A PDO delegates' online meeting was organised by BoscoNet on 12 May with the participation of the Regional. On 16 May, a meeting of INS, ING and IND and representatives from some other Provinces was held to discuss the youth situation and the future of youth ministry.

On 16-18 May, the Regional had online meetings with the Task Force for the sale of properties for DBTech, the DBTech Executive Committee and a joint meeting of the Task Force and the Executive Committee. In these days, the Re-

gional attended the General Council meetings that were called from time to time for decision making on Ordinary matters.

On 30 May, the Regional moderated the online meeting of the SPC-SA Council. This was the first meeting of the entire SPCSA Council as the previous meetings at Turin did not have the presence of INH, INN, and INP. At this meeting, several pending decisions were made especially about personnel working at the National level networks.

The Regional joined the Summer plenary session of the General Council which began on 1 June 2020.

During the months of March-May, the Regional helped coordinate the return of the stranded confreres, with the help of the Indian Consulate at Milan and the Indian Embassy at Rome. On 3 June, the Indian confreres came down from Turin to Rome and stayed overnight to take the re-patriation flight to New Delhi on 4 June. The Rector Major and the confreres at the Generalate went out of their way to host the Indian confreres and bid them safe journey.

On 4 June a short meeting of the Provincials of INS, ING and IND in the presence of the Mission Councillor and the Regional was held to

discuss plans for the centenary celebrations in 2022.

On 5 June, the Regional joined the online meeting of the Provincial Delegates and National team of Youth at Risk (YaR).

On 9 June, an online meeting of all the Don Bosco Youth Animation team of the South Asia Region was organised with the participation of the Regional.

On 10 June, the Regional joined the online meeting of the heads of SPCSA Networks organized by BOSCOM.

From 28 June to 4 July the Regional participated in the Spiritual Retreat for the General Council members.

The Summer Session of the General Council meetings that began on 1 June is expected to end on 10 July 2020.

### ***The Councillor for the Central and North Europe Region***

#### ***March 2020***

13 – Election at GC28 as General Councillor for the Central and North Europe Region; in the afternoon, a meeting with the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime with his General Council.

14 – Conclusion of GC28 and re-

turn to Poland.

14-29 – Quarantine in Warsaw.

30.3. - 8.4. – At the Provincial community in Piła (PLN): administration work for the PLN Province.

#### ***April 2020***

9-13 – Easter at the Holy Family Parish in Piła (PLN).

14 – Meeting with the Piła (PLN) Provincial Council at the Provincial House.

18 – Meeting with VDB in Poland.

20 – Meeting with confreres of the Łomianki (PLN) community.

21-22 – Meeting of the Salesian Provincials Conference of Poland (KSIP), at the Provincial House in Warsaw (PLE).

23 – Meeting with the formation community and post-novices at Łąd (PLN).

25-26 – Meeting with the Salesian Family advisory Council for Poland – online.

28.4. - 8.5. – Intermediate session of the General Council – online.

#### ***May 2020***

10-11 – Meeting with the Provincial Council of Wrocław (PLO), at the Provincial House.

12 – Meeting with the FM Provincial, Sr Świętek Anna, FMA, in Wrocław (PLA), at their Provincial House.

13-18 – Residing in the provincial

community, PLN.

16 – Visit to the community and Youth Centre at Lubrza, and a meeting with the Rector and community.

19 – Meeting with the Superior General of the Michaelites, Fr Wilk Dariusz (CSMA), at their General House in Marki.

20-21 – Meeting with the PLE Provincial Council at the Provincial House.

22 – Meeting with the Director of the Warsaw Missions Office, Fr Jacek Zdzieborski, at the Mission Office (PLE).

25 – Meeting with the formation community and students of theology in Krakow (PLS).

26 – Meeting with the Krakow (PLS) Provincial Council at the Provincial House.

27 – Meeting with Mother General Szteliga Julia (CSSMA) and her Council at their General House in Miejsce Piastowe.

28 – General Council session – online.

## June 2020

1 – 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilees of priestly ordination of confreres from PLN and PLE at Łą (PLN) and a meeting with the post-novices and formation community in Łą.

2 – Meeting with the PLN Provincial Council in Piła at the

Provincial House.

3-4 – Meeting with the newly-appointed Provincial, Fr Tadeusz Itrych at Piła, in the Provincial House

5 – Meeting with the Szczecin - Św. Józef community and the Szczecin – Gumieńce community, and in the evening, Jubilee celebrations for the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination of Fr Skopiak Stanisław, former Provincial of PLN, at Szczecin - Wielgowo.

8 – Beginning of the summer session of the General Council – online.

11 – Participation in the Solemnity of Corpus Domini at Piła in Holy Family Parish (PLN).

13 – Instalment of the Provincial of Piła (PLN) Fr Tadeusz Itrych at Bydgoszcz - Fordon.

14 – A visit to my parents at Dębno and a meeting with the Rector and confreres of the Dębno community.

19. – A meeting with the Warsaw - Bursa (PLE) community and with the young people at the hostel.

20 – A fraternal meeting with the Provincial community at Warsaw, in the Provincial House.

21 – Departure from Warsaw for Rome: Arrival at Headquarters in the evening.

22 – In the morning, took part in the DBI meeting.

28.6. - 4.7. – Took part in the General Council retreat at Camaldoli.

### ***The Councillor for the Interamerica Region***

Following the closure of GC28 I returned to Guadalajara, Mexico, and then was at the Provincial House in MEG in quarantine with the community, where we celebrated Holy Week. The rest of the month allowed me to get acquainted with files on the region handed over to me by my predecessor. I visited some of the websites of the Provinces in the Region and studied the 'Elenco' or Year Book as a way of getting to know them somewhat. On Saturday 25 April, I took part online in the Curatorium for the novitiate for SUO and SUE at Richmond, Ca.

During May we had the first session of the General Council online. This time was a remote introduction into the spirit, functioning and methodology of the General Council, and for studying the role and service its members carry out. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> I took part in the Curatorium online for the theologate at Tlaquepaque for ANT, HAI, MEG, MEG, SUE and SUO, and with provincials from VEN and ECU that have students in this

community. We began discernment for the appointment of the Director, a process that continued for another two meetings on 19 May and 1 June.

On Friday 15 May I took part in the Curatorium online for the novitiate at Coacalco for ANT, CAM, HAI, MEG and MEM. Faced with the situations of uncertainty that the pandemic is presenting us with, we agreed that those who have difficulties in movement should start looking for alternatives. The days following the Curatorium were spent guiding and accompanying this process for CAM, HAI and ANT.

From 15 May, following the appointment of the Director of CRESCO as Provincial of ARS, we undertook the task, together with the Councillor for the South Cone and the Formation Councillor of making a discernment with the Provincials of the two regions to suggest a replacement Director for this important phase of specific formation for the Brother confreres of the continent.

On Monday 25 May there was the Eucharistic celebration for the instalment of the new Provincial of MEG, Fr Filiberto Gonzalez, for the 2020-2026 term.

Online sessions of the General Council began on 1 June. From

23-26 June I took part in the Assembly of the MEG Provincial Community.

### ***The Councillor for the Mediterranean Region***

Having returned from GC28 on 15 March, the Councillor for the Mediterranean Region spent a month in isolation at the House at Mohernando (Guadalajara) together with other members of the Chapter belonging to SSM Province. On Easter Sunday he joined the Provincial House visiting the funeral parlour in Madrid where he prayed for the eternal repose of the Provincial Secretary and the Rector of the Provincial House who had died due to the coronavirus. On 16 April at the chapel of the Provincial House in Madrid, he presided at the Eucharistic celebration to present the new Provincial, Fr Fernando García Sánchez. On 25 April he visited the theologate and formation house at Atocha in Madrid. While waiting to move to Rome to take

part in the work of the General Council, he remained at the Provincial House from where he connected online with Council sessions from 27 April to 8 May. Over this period there were various meetings of the CISI Presidency, with the Provincials of Spain and Portugal and the various curatoriums for the houses of formation.

After a negative result for the Coronavirus test, he went to Burguillos (Seville) to spend some days with his family before leaving for Rome.

Finally, on 4 June he was able to begin to share in the life of the community at Headquarters in Rome, where he took part in the regular works of the Council and other work groups he was invited to. He visited the novitiate at Genzano and the *Centro Nazionale Opere Salesiane* – CNOS community and had personal meetings with some of the Provincials. The Councillor for the Mediterranean region took part in the General Council Retreat at Camaldoli from 28 June to 4 July, then resuming the work of the General Council until 10 July.

## 5. DOCUMENTS AND NEWS

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### 5.1 New Provincials

*Some data regarding provincials appointed by the Rector Major with the consent of his Council in April, May and June 2020 are reported here (in alphabetical order).*

#### 1. *BARBIERI Horacio Fabián, Provincial of ARGENTINA NORTH (ARN) Province*

The Rector Major, with the consent of the General Council on 7 May 2020, appointed Fr Horacio Barbieri as Provincial of the Blessed Artemides Zatti Province of Argentina North (ARN) with headquarters in Córdoba.

Fr Horacio was born in Coronel Moldes, Argentina, on 16 July 1965. He made his Salesian novitiate at La Plata, professing his first religious vows on 31 January 1985. After professing perpetual vows on 6 October 1990 at Córdoba, he was ordained priest, again in Córdoba, on 18 December 1993.

He served in numerous Salesian communities, as Rector of the *Domingo Savio* houses in Córdoba (1994-97), San Ambrosio (1998-2003) and the Córdoba Provincial Centre (2003-07 and 2015-19), and was Rector and Novice Master in Alta Gracia (2007-2015). Since January 2019 he has been the Director

of the Regional Centre for the Specific Formation of the Salesian Brother (CRESCO) in Guatemala.

He also took on many tasks at Province level in ARN: over the years he was Delegate for Youth Ministry (2004-08) and for the Educative and Pastoral Community (2004-05), for the Missions (2004-08), Formation (2011-2016) and for the Salesian Family (2016-2019).

Now he succeeds Fr Gabriel Romero whom the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter appointed as General Councillor for the America South Cone Region.

#### 2. *BICOMONG Gregorio Junior, Superior of the PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SOLOMON ISLANDS (PGS) Vice-province.*

The Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Arttime, with the consent of the General Council on 3 June 2020 appointed Fr Gregorio Bicomong Jr. as the new Superior of the Blessed Philip Rinaldi Vice-province of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands (PGS) with headquarters at Boroko East.

Fr Gregorio Bicomong was born on 19 October 1961 in Quezon City, Manila, the Philippines. He made his first religious profession at Canlubang on 1 April 1981 and his perpetual profession on 15 August

1986, also at Canlubang. From 1987 to 1990 he undertook theological studies at the Pontifical Salesian University (UPS) in Rome and then gained his Licentiate in Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained priest at Parañaque on 4 August 1990.

He is a lecturer in Church History at the Don Bosco Center of Studies, Parañaque. As Provincial Economist and Delegate for Missionary Animation in the Philippines North Province (FIN) he visited all the houses in the then PNG-SI Delegation that was part of FIN until 2015.

He is currently the Rector and Parish Priest of St John Bosco Parish, Makati, the Philippines.

Fr Gregorio Bicomong Jr. succeeds Fr Alfred Maravilla, elected General Councillor for the Missions by the 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter.

### 3. *BIZIMANA Innocent, Superior of the MADAGASCAR (MDG) Vice-province*

The Rector Major, with the consent of the General Council on 9 June 2020, appointed Fr Innocent Bizimana as the new Superior of the Mary Immaculate Vice-province of Madagascar with its headquarters at Ivato.

Fr Innocent was born in Musha-Rwamagana, in Ruanda, on 25 March 1969. He made his novitiate at Kansebula, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 1993-1994. He made his first profession there on 24 August 1994. He continued his formation at Kansebula, then in Madagascar where he renewed his profession year after year, first at Tulear, then at Antsirabe and Ivato. He made his perpetual profession at Fianarantsoa in 2001, where he was ordained priest two years later on 9 August 2003.

From 2003 until 2005, Fr Bizimana undertook studies at the Pontifical Salesian University (UPS) in Rome, where he gained his Theology Degree. Back in Madagascar, from 2005 to 2009 he was a member of the Fianarantsoa community, where he was Parish Priest and in charge of the Oratory from 2007 to 2009, before being appointed Rector at Ivato Notre-Dame de Clairvaux for two consecutive three-year periods. He was transferred to Betafo for a year, as the economist, and then returned to Ivato-Don Bosco as Rector. He had just been confirmed for a second mandate last year on 3 May 2019.

Fr Bizimana has been Vice-provincial from 2 July 2014 and Provincial Delegate for Formation as well as being in charge of the

Salesian Family since September 2016. At the time of his appointment, Fr Innocenzo Bizimana was also the Coordinator of Provincial Delegates for Formation for the Africa – Madagascar Region. He speaks French, Italian, Malagasy, Swahili and Kinyarwanda.

4. *CZABAN Mychajlo, Superior of the UKRAINE (UKR) Vice-province*

On 10 June 2020 the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of his Council, appointed Fr Chaban Mychaylo as Superior of the Mary Help of Christians Greek-Catholic Rite Vice-province of Ukraine (UKR) with its headquarters at Lviv. The appointment is for the 2020-2026 six-year period.

Fr Chaban was born on 20 December 1976 in Lviv, Ukraine, and made his novitiate at Kopiec, Poland, in 1995-1996, where he made his first profession on 22 August 1996. He made his perpetual profession on 14 September 2002 at Lviv, where he was ordained priest on 27 June 2004.

Fr Chaban was first the Economist of the Vice-province centre (2004-2006), then Rector (2006-2015), then Vice-rector (2015-2018) and finally once again the Rector (2018 – until now) of the Blessed Philip Rinaldi work in Lviv.

He has been Economist of the East Circumscription Delegation (2005-2012); Vice-superior of the UKR Vice-province (2012-2015); Delegate for the Salesian Family for the UKR Vice-province (2014-2015). He is currently the Economist of the UKR Vice-province (since 2015) and the Delegate of the Vice-province for Social Communication – and Publishing House (since 2018).

5. *GONZÁLEZ PLASENCIA Filiberto, Provincial of MEXICO-GUADALAJARA (MEG) Province*

On Monday 4 May, the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Fr Filiberto González as Provincial of Mexico-Guadalajara (MEG) Province for the 2020-2026 six-year term. Fr González had just finished two mandates as General Councillor for Social Communication – from 27 March 2008 until 12 March 2020 – a tough assignment that led him to organise and envision the future of communication in the Congregation and at the service of the young.

Fr González, a Mexican, was born in Milpillas, a town belonging to the Tepatitlán district in the State of Jalisco, on 22 August 1954. He made his novitiate at Chulav-



ista and his first profession at Guadalajara on 1 October 1974, and his perpetual profession on 28 September 1980. He became a deacon on 13 November 1981 and was ordained priest on 11 December 1982.

During his Salesian life he has been Novice Master, in charge of Youth Ministry, a student of Social Communication (ISCOS – Rome), a post-novitiate formator at Huipulco (1993), Provincial Delegate for Youth Ministry and in 2006 was appointed Provincial of the Salesians in Mexico-Guadalajara, carrying out this role until 2008. GC26 (2008) elected him as the Salesian Congregation's Councillor for Social Communication, a role in which he was confirmed by GC27 (2014).

#### 6. *ITRYCH Tadeusz, Provincial of POLAND NORTH (PLN) Province*

The Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council on 8 May 2020, appointed Fr Tadeusz Itrych as Provincial of the Saint Adelbert Province of Poland North (PLN), with its headquarters in Piła.

Fr Tadeusz was born in Miastko (Poland) on 23 October 1968 and entered the novitiate in Swobnica in 1987. He professed his first religious vows on 22 August 1988 and

his perpetual vows on 27 July 1995. He then did his two years of post-novitiate in Rumia. He studied Philosophy at Kutno and Kraków, and then Theology at Łódź nad Wartą, and was ordained priest – again at Łódź – on 29 May 1999.

He has worked in the Salesian school in Bydgoszcz (1999-2004), also undertaking studies in “educational management”. From 2004-2006 he was the Economist at St Joseph's house in Szczecin, then Rector and Parish Priest at Słupsk (2006-2012). He has also been the Economist at St John Bosco house in Piła from 2012 to 2014, and finally Rector and Parish Priest of St Mark's in Bydgoszcz from 2014 to 2020.

#### 7. *KANAGA Maria Arokiam, Superior of the MARY SEAT OF WISDOM Vice-province*

The Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council on 6 May 2020, appointed Fr Maria Arokiam Kanaga as Superior of the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Vice-province with its headquarters in Rome.

Fr Maria Arokiam Kanaga was born on 4 October 1956 in Varadarajanpet, Trichy, India. He entered the novitiate at Yercaud, and professed his first religious vows on

24 May 1976 and his perpetual vows on the same date but in 1982, at Madras. He studied Theology and gained his Doctorate in Philosophy at the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome. He was ordained priest on 25 May 1986 in Rome.

He served as Rector of the Don Bosco Centre in Tirupattur (1992-94), the Theological Institute at Poonamallee, Madras (1994-96), the Salesian Centre at Yercaud (2002-03) and the Sacred Heart Institute at Tirupattur (2003-2008).

He has also been the Vice-provincial (1996-2002) and Delegate for Youth Ministry (2006-07) of Madras Province.

He has taken part in the last five General Chapters (from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>) and was also a member of the pre-capitular commission for GC27.

The 26<sup>th</sup> General Chapter (2008) elected him as the Regional Councillor for South Asia and GC27 (2014) confirmed him in that role.

8. *MANCINI Leonardo, Superior of the ITALY PIEDMONT AND VALLE D'AOSTA (ICP) Special Circumscription*

On 29 April 2020 the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Fr Leonardo

Mancini as Superior of the Mary Help of Christians Italy Piedmont and Valle d'Aosta (ICP) Special Circumscription for the 2020-2026 six year term.

Fr Leonardo Mancini, currently the Novice Master at Colle Don Bosco, was born in Rome on 19 February 1964, and has been a Salesian since 1984 and a priest since 1991. He was the Rector of the Pius XI Centre in Rome from 2000 to 2006; he then took on the leadership of the Villa Sora Institute at Frascati from 2006 to 2011; in July 2011 he became novice master at the Salesian house at Genzano in Rome and then became the Superior of the Central Italy Circumscription (ICC) from 2012 to 2018.

9. *MINTSA Roland, Superior of the TROPICAL EQUATORIAL AFRICA (ATE) Vice-province*

The Rector Major, with the consent of the General Council on 8 May 2020, appointed Fr Roland Mintsa as Superior of the Our Lady of Africa, Tropical Equatorial Africa (ATE) Vice-province with its headquarters in Yaoundé (Camerun).

Fr Roland Minsta was born in Libreville (Gabon) on 27 December 1969. He made his novitiate in 1994-1995 at Don Bosco House at

Akodessewa (Lomé, Togo) where he made his first profession on 8 September 1995. After his philosophy studies and practical training, he professed perpetual vows on 29 June 2002 at Yaoundé. He was ordained priest on 9 July 2005 at Ebolowa.

From 2005 to 2008, Fr Roland was Vice-rector and Parish Priest of Mary Help of Christians in Mimoboman III (Yaoundé) and from 2008 to 2010, was Vice-rector of the St Augustine Theologate community, also in Yaoundé. Then from 2010 to 2012, he was Vice-rector and then Parish Priest of the Mary Help of Christians parish of Bata, in Equatorial Guinea. Then from 1 September 2012 he was the Rector of the Salesian community at Mikolongo, Libreville (Gabon) and Parish Priest of Mary Help of Christians parish in Libreville. He was also Provincial Delegate for the Salesian Family.

Fr Roland Mintsa now succeeds Fr Alphonse Owoudou who, during GC28, was elected as Councillor for the Africa-Madagascar Region.

10. *TRINIDAD Melchor, Provincial of the UNITED STATES WEST (SUO) Province*

On 5 June 2020, the Rector Major, with the consent of the General

Council, appointed Fr Melchor Trinidad as the new Provincial of the St Andrew the Apostle Province of the United States West (SUO) with its headquarters in San Francisco.

Fr Melchor was born on 6 November 1956 in Tarlac, the Philippines. He made his first religious profession at Newton, United States, on 1 September 1976 and his perpetual profession on 19 June 1982, at Moraga, the United States. On 25 May 1985 he was ordained priest in Norwalk.

He has served in various Salesian houses in the United States and Canada, as the Director at Rosemead (2007-2012), Richmond (2012-18) and Bellflower from 2018 until today.

A Provincial Councillor from 2000 and 2010, and then again since 2018, he has also been Provincial Delegate for Youth Ministry from 2000-2007 and 2018-2019.

11. *VITALI Natale, Provincial of BRAZIL BELO HORIZONTE (BBH) Province*

Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, Rector Major, with the consent of his Council, appointed Fr Natale Vitali Forti as the new Provincial of the St John Bosco Brazil-Belo Horizonte (BBH) Province for the 2020-

2026 term. The appointment took place at the first meeting of the newly-elected General Council of the Salesian Congregation, which met from 27 April, online, due to the pandemic.

Until March of this year, Fr Natale Vitali had been General Councillor for the America South Cone Region.

Son of Giuseppe Vitali and Giuseppina Forti, he was born on 14 May 1955 in Montappone (FM). He entered the novitiate at Vico Equense-Seiano, Naples, on 11 September 1971. He made his perpetual profession in Santiago, Chile, on 11 June 1978. He was ordained priest on 31 July 1982 in Santiago, Chile. He has Chilean citizenship.

In Chile he was Provincial Councillor from 1990-1993, Vice-provincial from 1993-1995, Provincial from 1995-2000. In July 2006 he was again appointed Provincial, a service he carried out until 2008 when he took part in the 26<sup>th</sup> General Chapter.

He was elected General Councillor for the Latin American South Cone Region, a service he carried out until 14 March of this year. Now Fr Vitali becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> Superior of the St John Bosco Province with its headquarters in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Fr Vitali speaks three languages: Italian, his mother tongue, Spanish and Portuguese, and reads English.

**12. ZABALA TÓRREZ Juan Pablo,**  
*Provincial of BOLIVIA (BOL)*  
*Province*

On 5 June 2020, the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, with the consent of the General Council, appointed Fr Juan Pablo Zabala Torres as the new Provincial of the Our Lady of Copacabana Province of Bolivia (BOL) with its headquarters in Cochabamba.

Fr Juan Pablo was born on 15 January 1965 in La Paz, Bolivia. He made his novitiate at Santa Eulalia, Peru, and made his first religious profession on 12 February 1985 and his perpetual profession on 31 January 1992, at La Paz. On 24 September 1994 he was ordained priest at El Alto, La Paz.

He has been Vice-rector of the Paul VI Theologate at Cochabamba (1998-99), Rector of the Don Bosco Institute in the same city (1999-2005) and from 2017 was Vice-rector of the Don Bosco Institute at La Paz.

For the BOL Province he has been Provincial Secretary (1997-99), Councillor (1999-2002 and 2017 – until today), Vice-provincial

(2002-2005) and Delegate for Provincial Services-Educational Centres (2004-2005).

He has already been Provincial of BOL Province for a six year term from 2005-2011.

## 5.2 Our deceased confreres (1<sup>st</sup> 11st January-June 2020)

"Faith in the risen Christ sustains our hope and keeps alive our communion with our brothers who rest in Christ's peace. They have spent their lives in the Congregation, and not a few have suffered even to the point of martyrdom for the love of the Lord... Their remembrance is an incentive to continue faithfully in our mission" (C. 94).

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<b>L ABBIO Elio</b>	Ivato (Madagascar)	12.06.2020	81	<b>MDG</b>
<b>E ALLUÉ Emilio</b>	Boston (U.S.A.)	26.04.2020	85	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Auxiliary Bishop of Boston for 14 years. and for 10 Bishop Eméritus.</i>				
<b>L ALVAREZ GALLEGU Tirso</b>	Oviedo (Spain)	21.03.2020	94	<b>SSM</b>
<b>L ALVAREZ GARCÍA Cayetano</b>	León (Spain)	17.03.2020	89	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P ALVES Jacyr Amadeu Gabriel</b>	Natal (Brazil)	12.01.2020	93	<b>BRE</b>
<b>P ANTONYRAJAN Thomas</b>	Negombo (Sri Lanka)	14.06.2020	55	<b>INT</b>
<b>P ANZALONE Giuseppe</b>	Palermo (Italy)	14.04.2020	85	<b>ISI</b>
<b>L ASENJO DIEZ Maximiliano</b>	León (Spain)	20.03.2020	87	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P ASURMENDI MEZQUIRIZ Ildefonso</b>	Barcelona (Spain)	06.05.2020	83	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P ÁVILA DÍAZ Valentín</b>	Ávila (Spain)	31.01.2020	86	<b>SSM</b>
<b>L BADÌA I CARRERA Joan</b>	Barcelona (Spain)	06.04.2020	81	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P BALLESTEROS G. Francisco</b>	Guatemala (Guatemala)	23.04.2020	83	<b>CAM</b>
<b>P BALLESTEROS RICO José Eduardo</b>	Sahuayo, Michoacán (Mexico)	27.01.2020	87	<b>MEG</b>
<b>P BANFI Mario</b>	Turin (Italy)	31.03.2020	88	<b>ICP</b>
<b>L BAÑOS BAÑOS José Antonio</b>	Logroño (Spain)	12.04.2020	70	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P BARONI Alessandro</b>	Nave (Italy)	23.03.2020	90	<b>ILE</b>
<b>P BASTIDA TORRES Rafael</b>	Quito (Ecuador)	05.05.2020	82	<b>ECU</b>
<b>P BAUER Robert</b>	New Rochelle (U.S.A.)	23.03.2020	78	<b>SUE</b>
<b>P BELLOMO Giuliano</b>	Bari (Italy)	13.02.2020	77	<b>BOL</b>
<b>P BERGAMIN Rino</b>	Castelfranco Veneto (Italy)	13.02.2020	87	<b>INE</b>
<b>P BERMEJO VIVAR Antonio</b>	Barcelona (Spain)	29.03.2020	82	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P BERTORELLO Giuseppe</b>	Turin (Italy)	22.05.2020	85	<b>ICP</b>
<b>P BETTINZOLI Pietro</b>	Chiari (Italy)	26.03.2020	95	<b>ILE</b>
<b>P BIELLMANN Camille</b>	Issenheim (France)	25.03.2020	86	<b>FRB</b>
<b>P BOCALÓN Victor Antonio</b>	Córdoba (Argentina)	25.03.2020	86	<b>ARN</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
<b>L BONATO Giuseppe</b>	Turin (Italy)	06.04.2020	85	<b>ICP</b>
<b>P BOUDREZ Marcel</b>	Sint-Denijs-Westrem (Belgium)	25.04.2020	92	<b>BEN</b>
<b>E BREDA Valerio</b>	Penedo (Brazil)	16.06.2020	75	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 4 years and Bishop of Penedo (Brazil) for 23 years.</i>				
<b>P BRITSCHU Dominique</b>	Messina (Italy)	27.02.2020	87	<b>ISI</b>
<b>P BUSTAMANTE Jorge</b>	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	29.03.2020	75	<b>ECU</b>
<b>P CALERO DE LOS RÍOS Antonio</b>	Sevilla (Spain)	18.02.2020	92	<b>SMX</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
<b>P CALERO Jaime</b>	Quito (Ecuador)	23.01.2020	94	<b>ECU</b>
<b>P CANTELLO Antonio</b>	Turin (Italy)	29.03.2020	93	<b>ICP</b>
<b>P CANTÓN JUAN Feliz</b>	León (Spain)	14.03.2020	86	<b>SSM</b>

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P CARIOLATO Ottorino	Castello di Godego (Italy)	13.01.2020	91	INE
P CARNIEL Egidio	Turin (Italy)	27.03.2020	93	ICP
P CASADO ROMO Jesùs	Arévalo (Spain)	29.03.2020	70	SSM
P CASASNOVAS I CORTÉS Rafael	Barcelone (Spain)	04.04.2020	92	SMX
P CHARLES DE LA MORA Francisco H.	Guadalupe (Mexico)	24.06.2020	75	MEG
P CHIECCA Sandro	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	23.02.2020	81	ECU
P CIEMIĘGA Antoni	Wierzychowo (Poland)	27.05.2020	80	PLN
P CLIVIO Giovanni Paolo	Turin (Italy)	03.04.2020	92	ICP
P COELLO PASCUAL Demetrio	Albonito (Puerto Rico)	01.06.2020	90	ANT
P COLDEBELLA Silvano	Castello di Godego (Italy)	20.04.2020	92	INE
P COLINA PÉREZ Jesùs	Barcelone (Spain)	27.03.2020	86	SMX
P CONDE ARAUJO Venerando	Sevilla (Spain)	20.05.2020	93	SMX
L CONDILLAC Michael	Mumbai (India)	12.04.2020	78	INB
P CONTI Armando Juan	Cordoba (Argentina)	09.03.2020	91	ARN
P CSIZMAZIA Ernst	Laxenburg (Austria)	17.05.2020	91	AUS
P D'AMICO Gino	Catane (Italy)	02.02.2020	96	ISI
P D'SILVA Anthony Byron	Mumbai (India)	27.05.2020	77	INB
P DA SILVA Moisés Marques	Manaus (Brazil)	06.05.2020	90	BMA
P DE MARTINO Benito	Napoli (Italy)	20.04.2020	79	IME
P DERACO Miguel Mario	Córdoba (Argentina)	23.03.2020	78	ARN
L DIEZ RODRIGUEZ Ivo	León (Spain)	20.03.2020	94	SSM
P DOMEÑO ITOIZ Jesùs Fernando	Barcelone (Spain)	08.04.2020	79	SMX
P DOMÍNGUEZ ROMERO Miguel	Irapuato (Mexico)	08.04.2020	87	MEG
P FALETTI Nicola	Ivrea (Italy)	03.01.2020	102	ICP
P FERENČAK Štefan Alojzij	Maribor (Slovenia)	07.02.2020	79	SLO
P FRIGO Bruno	Castello di Godego (Italy)	03.04.2020	96	INE
P GAMBARDELLA Bruno	Salerno (Italy)	02.03.2020	86	IME
L GARCÍA GONZALEZ Pedro	León (Spain)	17.03.2020	81	SSM
P GARCÍA MÉNDEZ José María	Madrid (Spain)	06.04.2020	71	SSM
P GARIGLIO Antonio	Guatemala (Guatemala)	07.01.2020	93	CAM
P GAROFALO Pietro	Messina (Italy)	05.03.2020	89	ISI
P GERMAINE Kenneth	Palm Harbor, Florida (U.S.A.)	19.06.2020	89	SUE
P GHIGGINI Giuseppe	Nave (Italy)	25.03.2020	81	ILE
P GIUA Filippo	Rome (Italy)	11.04.2020	98	ICC
P GIUBERGIA Franco	Turin (Italy)	02.04.2020	85	ICP
P GRANDE DIEZ Tomàs	Arévalo (Spain)	30.03.2020	83	SSM
P GRASSO Gaetano	Catane (Italy)	16.01.2020	75	ISI
P GROCHAL Władisław	Łódź (Poland)	02.06.2020	81	PLN
P GROIA Donato	Nuovo Olonio (Italy)	18.04.2020	84	ILE
P GUDDEMI Gioacchino	Palermo (Italy)	02.01.2020	93	ISI
P GUTIÉRREZ GALEOTE Juan José	Sevilla (Spain)	29.01.2020	45	SMX
L HANNABERY Noel Anthony	Melbourne (Australia)	23.03.2020	81	AUL
P HERNÁNDEZ DÍAZ Francisco	Madrid (Spain)	02.03.2020	78	SSM
P HERNANDO ÁLVAREZ Nicolàs	Arévalo (Spain)	06.04.2020	84	SSM
P HETTEL Franz	Donaueschingen (Germany)	13.02.2020	84	GER
L HIERRETH Josef	Ensdorf (Germany)	06.04.2020	96	GER

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<b>P HIGASHIKI Francis Xavier</b>	Beppu (Japan)	28.02.2020	80	<b>GIA</b>
<b>L HOLOWATY Victor Andrés</b>	Córdoba (Argentina)	21.01.2020	86	<b>ARN</b>
<b>L INDIAR Aloysius</b>	Bongaigaon (India)	08.02.2020	76	<b>ING</b>
<b>L INDIAR Dominic</b>	Shillong (India)	28.02.2020	73	<b>INS</b>
<b>P IŽOLD Jozef</b>	Bratislava (Slovakia)	20.05.2020	56	<b>SLK</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
<b>P IZQUIERDO ALONSO Pedro A.</b>	Madrid (Spain)	30.03.2020	92	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P IZURIETA Hugo Rubén</b>	La Plata (Argentina)	19.01.2020	85	<b>ARS</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
<b>L JAÉN SEGURA Jaime</b>	El Campello Alicante (Spain)	06.02.2020	90	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P JANKOWIAK Stanisław</b>	Piła (Poland)	03.01.2020	88	<b>PLN</b>
<b>P JASKOT Grzegorz</b>	Rome (Italy)	05.05.2020	67	<b>UPS</b>
<b>P KARAWGODAGE Dominic Shiran</b>	Caen (France)	23.05.2020	54	<b>LKC</b>
<b>P KASHALA TSHIHWENU Justin</b>	Lubumbashi (Dem. Rep. Congo)	04.03.2020	46	<b>AFC</b>
<b>P KOTZBEK Maximilian</b>	Hall in Tirol (Austria)	16.06.2020	88	<b>AUS</b>
<b>P KUNCHERAKATT Stephen</b>	Haifa (Israel)	02.06.2020	85	<b>MOR</b>
<b>P LACHNITT Jorge</b>	Campo Grande (Brazil)	20.04.2020	81	<b>BCG</b>
<b>L LIN YIN-NIEN Paul (Paolino)</b>	Shanghai (China)	10.03.2020	91	<b>CIN</b>
<b>P LINDEMANN Bruno</b>	Gerolstein (Germany)	25.04.2020	79	<b>GER</b>
<b>L LOBINA Antonio</b>	Rome (Italy)	01.04.2020	85	<b>ICC</b>
<b>P LOCATI Antonio</b>	Garbagnate (Italy)	11.01.2020	94	<b>ILE</b>
<b>P LOH Stanislaus</b>	Hong Kong (China)	16.02.2020	90	<b>CIN</b>
<b>P LONARDI Lino</b>	Turin	01.04.2020	78	<b>ICP</b>
<b>P LORBER José Antonio</b>	Córdoba (Argentina)	05.03.2020	96	<b>ARN</b>
<b>P LORENZO Avelino</b>	Brea, California (U.S.A.)	05.03.2020	87	<b>SUO</b>
<b>L LUNARDI Mario</b>	Turin (Italy)	29.04.2020	86	<b>ICP</b>
<b>L MACDONALD Donald</b>	Bolton (Great Britain)	05.02.2020	90	<b>GBR</b>
<b>L MACHADO ALONSO Manuel</b>	León (Spain)	20.03.2020	79	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P MANGIAPANE Salvatore</b>	Palermo (Italy)	11.02.2020	92	<b>ISI</b>
<b>P MARACCANI Francesco</b>	Rome (Italy)	24.01.2020	83	<b>RMG</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 5 years, Secretary general for 18 years and Procurator general for 13 years.</i>				
<b>L MARRA Crescentino</b>	Turin (Italy)	04.04.2020	96	<b>ICP</b>
<b>L MARROQUÍN HERNÁNDEZ Demetrio</b>	San Salvador (El Salvador)	02.03.2020	95	<b>CAM</b>
<b>P MARTÍNEZ BERNAL Florencio</b>	Arevalo (Spain)	19.03.2020	90	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P McCORMICK Richard</b>	Boston (U.S.A.)	02.04.2020	79	<b>SUE</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
<b>L MELGUEIRO DA SILVA Sebastião</b>	Boa Vista (Brazil)	10.03.2020	86	<b>BMA</b>
<b>P MELO Francisco</b>	Córdoba (Argentina)	27.02.2020	94	<b>ARN</b>
<b>P MICHELIZZI Hilario</b>	Campinas (Brazil)	22.05.2020	92	<b>BSP</b>
<b>P MONDOL Mark</b>	Kolkata (India)	01.01.2020	57	<b>INC</b>
<b>L MONTES SANTOS Fidel</b>	Arévalo (Spain)	24.03.2020	94	<b>SSM</b>
<b>E MORESCHI Angelo</b>	Brescia (Italy)	25.03.2020	67	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Apostolic Prefect of Gambella for 10 years e Apostolic Vicar of Gambella for 10 years.</i>				
<b>P MORGANTI Alessandro</b>	Cinisello Balsamo (Italy)	01.04.2020	94	<b>ILE</b>
<b>P MUJICA LOPEZ Francisco J.</b>	Saltillo (Mexico)	09.03.2020	63	<b>MEG</b>
<b>P NARJARY Milon</b>	Guwahati (India)	04.01.2020	54	<b>ING</b>



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<b>P NEILA PEINADO Ángel</b>	León (Spain)	22.03.2020	86	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P NGUYEN VAN TY John</b>	Sai Gon (Vietnam)	29.01.2020	75	<b>VIE</b>
<i>Was Delegate of the Vietnam delegation for 9 years, Superior of the Vice province of Vietnam for 15 years, Provincial of the Vietnam province for 4 years.</i>				
<b>P NOTARIO Vicente Jesús</b>	Sevilla (Spain)	02.04.2020	93	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P OLEDZKI Kazmierz</b>	Lodz (Poland)	07.03.2020	78	<b>PLE</b>
<b>P OLMOS VELASQUEZ Evaristo</b>	Zapopan (Mexico)	25.06.2020	72	<b>MEG</b>
<b>P OREJA DOMÍNGUEZ Teófilo</b>	Madrid (Spain)	11.04.2020	64	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P ORTEGA DEL AMO Jerónimo</b>	Quito (Ecuador)	25.02.2020	76	<b>ECU</b>
<b>P ORTEGA Gonzalez Pablo</b>	Madrid (Spain)	24.03.2020	81	<b>SSM</b>
<b>E ORTIZ ROLÓN Zacarías</b>	Asunción (Paraguay)	06.01.2020	85	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 3 years, Apostolic Vicar for 15 years, Diocesan Bishop for 10 years and Bishop emeritus for 7 years.</i>				
<b>P PALACIOS HONORATO Ángel</b>	Ávila (Spain)	23.01.2020	93	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P PARTEDER Josef</b>	Amstetten (Austria)	16.04.2020	82	<b>AUS</b>
<b>P PAUGER August</b>	Amstetten (Austria)	08.04.2020	92	<b>AUS</b>
<b>P PELLEGRINI Mario</b>	Rome (Italy)	21.04.2020	84	<b>ICC</b>
<b>P PELLERIN Jacques</b>	Rabat (Morocco)	05.03.2020	71	<b>FRB</b>
<b>P PENNISI Concetto</b>	Catane (Italy)	06.06.2020	92	<b>ISI</b>
<b>P PÉREZ ALÉN Antonio</b>	León (Spain)	30.03.2020	83	<b>SSM</b>
<b>P PÉREZ VÁZQUEZ José</b>	Arévalo (Spain)	28.03.2020	89	<b>SSM</b>
<b>E PERIANAYAGAM Soundaraju</b>	Vellore (India)	21.03.2020	70	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Bishop of Vellore for 14 years.</i>				
<b>P PIETROGRANDE Gualdo</b>	Verona (Italy)	06.03.2020	85	<b>INE</b>
<b>P PONNATTIL Mathew</b>	Dibrugarh (India)	30.01.2020	81	<b>IND</b>
<b>P PROCENESI Clemente</b>	Acquapendente (Italy)	11.05.2020	80	<b>ICC</b>
<b>P PROVERBIO Germano</b>	Turin (Italy)	27.03.2020	95	<b>ICP</b>
<b>P PTASIŃSKI Ryszard</b>	Warsaw (Poland)	16.04.2020	88	<b>PLE</b>
<b>P PUCHER Josef</b>	Scheibbs (Austria)	19.04.2020	86	<b>AUS</b>
<b>P PULICI Natale</b>	Macas (Ecuador)	30.03.2020	91	<b>ECU</b>
<b>P RÁFOLS RAFECAS Joaquín</b>	Barcelona (Spain)	26.03.2020	94	<b>SMX</b>
<b>P RAIGÓN CÓRDOBA Miguel</b>	Sevilla (Spain)	16.02.2020	81	<b>SMX</b>
<b>L RAMOS MORAES Robério</b>	Recife (Brazil)	24.02.2020	87	<b>BRE</b>
<b>P REITA Mario</b>	Turin (Italy)	01.04.2020	94	<b>ICP</b>
<b>L RENAULT Marcel</b>	Caen (France)	06.01.2020	89	<b>FRB</b>
<b>L RINERO Michele</b>	Rome (Italy)	21.04.2020	87	<b>ICC</b>
<b>L RIVAS RIVERA Camilo</b>	Sevilla (Spain)	01.02.2020	91	<b>SMX</b>
<b>L RIVERA Carlo</b>	Turin (Italy)	24.01.2020	90	<b>ICP</b>
<b>E RONCHINO Pedro Luis</b>	Córdoba (Argentina)	30.06.2020	92	<b>EP</b>
<i>Was Bishop of Comodoro Rivadavia for 12 years.</i>				
<b>P ROSSO Domenico</b>	Turin (Italy)	02.06.2020	86	<b>ICP</b>
<i>Was Provincial for 2 years.</i>				
<b>P RUZINGE Jean Pierre</b>	Lubumbashi (Dem. Rep. Congo)	19.02.2020	53	<b>ACC</b>
<b>L SALVATORE Cosma (Cosimo)</b>	Campo Grande (Brazil)	21.05.2020	82	<b>BCG</b>
<b>P SÁNCHEZ BARRIENTOS Juan Jesús</b>	Città del Mexico (Mexico)	19.06.2020	94	<b>MEM</b>
<b>P SANTA BIBIANA Gisbert Joseph</b>	Wellington, Florida (U.S.A.)	15.05.2020	87	<b>SUE</b>

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L SAORIN Tiziano	Bolzano (Italy)	11.05.2020	78	INE
L SAPIENZA Paolo	Palermo (Italy)	10.02.2020	75	ISI
P SASSANO Giovanni	Livorno (Italy)	26.03.2020	86	ICC
P SAWICKI Józef	Łódź (Poland)	30.01.2020	87	PLE
P SCARFONE Lorenzo	Rome (Italy)	29.01.2020	87	ICC
P SCHARWITZL Adolf	Vienna (Austria)	22.01.2020	82	AUS
P SCURATO Adriano Aldo	Turin (Italy)	26.03.2020	82	ICC
P SELLA Pietro	Castello di Godego (Italy)	06.02.2020	82	INE
P SERRANO COS-GAYÓN José María	La Vega (Dominican Rep.)	20.02.2020	86	ANT
P SIRANI Ernesto	Lima (Peru)	27.05.2020	74	ILE
P SOBOTA Jozef	Námestovo (Slovakia)	19.01.2020	91	SLK
P SOCCIO Giovanni	Rome (Italy)	04.01.2020	81	ICC
P SOSIO Agostino	Sesto San Giovanni (Italy)	25.03.2020	66	ILE
<i>Was Provincial for 6 years.</i>				
P SOSSA Albino	Biella (Italy)	25.03.2020	86	ICP
P STADELMANN Roman	Amstetten (Austria)	11.04.2020	92	AUS
P STOCCO Paolo	Venice-Mestre (Italy)	02.05.2020	77	INE
P STUHEC Martin	Buenos Aires (Argentina)	28.03.2020	94	ARS
P SUTHEP CHORNTONG John B.	Bangkok (Thailand)	26.05.2020	66	THA
P TACCONI Giuseppe	Negrar (Italy)	16.01.2020	53	INE
P TAPIA Néstor	Guayaquil (Ecuador)	07.04.2020	94	ECU
P TARDIVO Agostino	Turin (Italy)	05.05.2020	91	MOR
L TOMBA Clemente	Garbagnate Milanese (Italy)	06.04.2020	88	ILE
L TORTORICI Joseph	Tampa, Florida (U.S.A.)	10.02.2020	83	SUE
P TRONCONI Silvio	Milan (Italy)	15.02.2020	102	ILE
L UGGENTI Giuseppe Antônio	Manaus (Brazil)	26.02.2020	83	BMA
L UÑA GUTIÉRREZ Avelino	Oviedo (Spain)	11.03.2020	68	SSM
P VERA PERALTA Ramon	Barcelona (Spain)	09.03.2020	67	SMX
P VIDIC Jože	Jesenice (Slovenia)	02.04.2020	81	SLO
L VIGLIOTTI Giuseppe	Turin (Italy)	17.03.2020	91	ICP
P VITTAZ Teotimo	Turin (Italy)	23.04.2020	81	ICP
L VOLPAGO Amedeo	Castello di Godego (Italy)	02.02.2020	93	INE
P WIEDEMAYR Florian	Unterwaltersdorf (Austria)	01.01.2020	84	AUS
P WISNIEWSKI Adam	Środa Śląska (Poland)	26.03.2020	86	PLO
P ZANGARINI Mario	Manaus (Brazil)	25.04.2020	81	BMA
P ZYCINSKI Wojciech	Kraków (Poland)	07.04.2020	67	PLS



