

MISSIONARIES OF THE SACRED HEART

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere Loved!



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GENERAL BULLETIN

Dear brothers, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, formands and members of the Chevalier Family,

In a video message on 30 May this year, Pope Francis addressed us all, calling for a more just and equitable society: "From the great trials of humanity, among these the pandemic, we will come out better or worse. It will not be the same. I ask you: how do you want to get out of this? Better or worse?"

Fortunately there we have perceived a great effort being made throughout the Congregation to respond positively to this question from the Pope. At the last General Conference, held in Korea last year, we were sure that we had to become a more ecosystemic-conscious congregation, interdependent among our entities and members. At this time of adaptation to the "new normal", we can recognize a clear sign that all humanity needs conversion and that we, as missionaries of the Heart of Jesus, must continue to pursue our goal of co-creating a new way of being MSC in a new world that will be reborn.

The new Encyclical of Pope Francis will be fundamental for us in this process of co-creating a new world: *'Fratelli tutti'* assures us of our fundamental mission in this world, that is, to recognize in each one we meet along the way a brother and sister. The pope issues a call for the transformation of our hearts - where every change begins - to recognize in the one who suffers Christ himself and to reaffirm the irreducible dignity of every human being created in the likeness of the Creator.

With all airports closed, we on the Leadership Team have also had to adapt in the ways in which we accompany the various entities of the Society and our members throughout the world. However, although we have been accompanying the congregation almost completely online, we realize that our ties have become closer and that commitment to mission everywhere remains our greatest strength in going through this time of uncertainty.

We hope that this General Bulletin will be more a source of hope than of news. We invite you, through the articles and information described here, to feel yourselves as a fundamental part of this larger project which is the Chevalier Family and which, together with all people of good heart, offer their lives in building a new world. We want to remember, in a special way, the missionaries who died because of COVID-19. Brave men who leave strong memories in our hearts and who today enjoy eternal life with God.

We hope you have a good Reading and we ask you to share this Bulletin. We take this opportunity also to wish you a Happy Founder's Day!

Ametur ubique terrarum Cor Iesu Sacratissimum!

| Humberto Henriques, MSC



MEETING WITH NEW OR RE-ELECTED MSC ENTITY LEADERS

"Ad Limina visits" in "times of new opportunities, uncertainty and pain" in Covid 19's time.

We thank God who has given us the opportunity to live four fruitful, fraternal and enlightening encounters of listening to and getting to know the Reality of the MSC Entities of the Philippines, Indonesia, the Pacific Union and North Germany.

The pandemic is leading us to use much more creativity and the virtual means at our disposal. The four processes of relationship and encounter that we experienced with Leonardo Cabrera (Bogey), Sam Maranresy, Tamati Sefo, and Martin Kleer were moments of growth and of appreciation of the efforts and wonders that each of their entities is experiencing. Likewise, we deepened our appreciation of the challenges and limitations that each of these MSC entity is facing

For us as a General Team, despite all the limitations that the online mode can have, it has been very helpful to be able to share with these four leaders of our Congregation.

We pray for all the efforts and great testimonies of solidarity and dedication to the mission that, both in these four entities and in all other MSC entities around the world are taking shape and showing that it is possible and urgent to live our MSC Spirituality, Charism and Mission in times of pandemic.



LEONARDO CABRERA - PHILIPPINES



SAM MARANRESY - INDONESIA



TAMATI SEFO - PACIFIC UNION



MARTIN KLEER - NORTH GERMAN

| *Abzalon Alvarado, MSC*

THE PROVINCES OF EUROPE AT COVID-19 AGE

After the PEC meeting in Tilburg, one country after another went into lock down very quickly. The provincials who had come for the meeting were able to return just in time. Fr. André, who came from Rome, left Tilburg with Fr. Germaan Van Muylder on 14 March for Borgerhout, but warned by negative advice from the government, he did not travel the next day to Cameroon, where he was to attend the conference of UAF superiors. Finally he had to stay in Belgium until the end of June. Thus the trips to Senegal and Canada had to be postponed without any future date. Fr. Tim Brennan was not able to leave Tilburg before the restrictions came into force and was quarantined there until May 5.

BELGIUM

On Monday of Holy Week three confreres from the Borgerhout community went to the hospital for the covid test19 and Fr. André was detained, to his great surprise. That Monday we received the sad news that Fr. Alfons De Nijs (former missionary of Curitiba/Brazil) who was in intensive care for covid had died of the virus at the age of 85.

On Easter Monday while André was leaving the hospital another patient in the intensive care unit, Fr. Edgar De Vlaminck (former missionary in Mbandaka/Congo) died there at the age of 94. Thus the province lost its oldest member.

Other confreres could be in their forties in quarantine and discover after some months that they had antibodies, albeit asymptomatic!

On 17 April the province was once again in mourning because of the sad death of a third covid19 victim, Fr. Joseph Bosmans (former missionary of Curitiba) at the age of 92.

In July and August another 2 elderly confreres died, but not because of covid. Fr. Gilbert Dhondt was 94 years old and Fr. Gabriel Knuts (former missionary of Mbandaka) was 90.

All in all the province has lost many of its "monuments" or "valiant missionaries".

SPAIN

The month of April will remain engraved in our memories. Fathers Manolo Barahona, Jose Ramon Garate from the community of Madrid and Willy Mendez de Barcelona were admitted to hospital because of covid and recovered after some time. In June 4 other confreres gave a positive covid test19 result and were quarantined. Only the provincial, Fr. Blanco, escaped the misfortune!

More recently, on September 21st, we woke up to the tragic news of the death in the Community of Valladolid of Father Isabelino Rubio, one of those affected by the Covid. He was 83 years old on the same day. In the community of Valladolid, several members were affected by the virus.

FRANCE

The month of April did not go unnoticed by the MSC of Marseille. In the community of the Acates Brother Robert Ryckebusch (former missionary in Kaolack/Senegal) died there on 5 April at the age of 91.

Later other confreres were admitted to hospital with covid symptoms or had to keep their rooms under quarantine, but after some time they were able to return to the EPHAD where very strict rules were in force. Even the Provincial, at one stage, was unable to return to Issoudun.

Another significant event in the history of the province took place on 13 July in Marseille, when at 7 p.m. Father Raymond Dossmann died at the age of 91. Father Raymond had a remarkable record of service in the Province and in the Congregation. From 1989 he served as General Secretary in Via Asmara until 2012. During this time the promotion of cause of the Servant of God Jules Chevalier began and Raymond was appointed 'special postulator' for the cause.

Our other European provinces were spared the visit of this unexpected and impromptu guest who has caused so much damage in many countries.

Now, in August, some countries are already experiencing more or less a second wave of contamination.

| Andre Claessens, MSC

SOME NEWS FROM ACROSS THE ASIA-AUSTRALIA REGION

In the Philippines, on August 6, the Feast of the Lord's Transfiguration, two of our confreres were ordained deacons: Chris John A. Awa, MSC and Julieto O. Amaneo, Jr., MSC. On the same day Filipino Scholastic, Janray Castañares, MSC, made Perpetual Profession. Five made their First Profession, one Filipino, Ren John Puertos, MSC, and four from Vietnam (Australian Province), Mai Xuan Truc, MSC, Mai Hoang Thien, MSC, Tran Duy Hung MSC, and

The Philippines held their Provincial Conference, online, during the month of August. A busy month for them. We pray for the Conference and our confrères gathering virtually for it.

COVID 19 has spread through the country after initial stay-home orders ended early and people struggle to practice social distancing despite strict rules. Some cities have shut down again, threatening access to workplaces in a country where many people depend on daily labour to survive. The MSC outreach to the poor here has been an inspiration.

Despite a recent surge in cases in some states, no one in the Australian Province has succumbed to the virus, despite having some large communities of elderly members. Our four Colleges and our parishes have also remained virus free. Our two novices in Australia, Daniel Magadia and Trieu Nguyen, have completed their 30-day retreat at Douglas Park, NSW. Australia also has one post-novitiate student, Kenji Konda, MSC and two pre-novices, Vincent Phan and Anh Nguyen, all living in the formation centre in

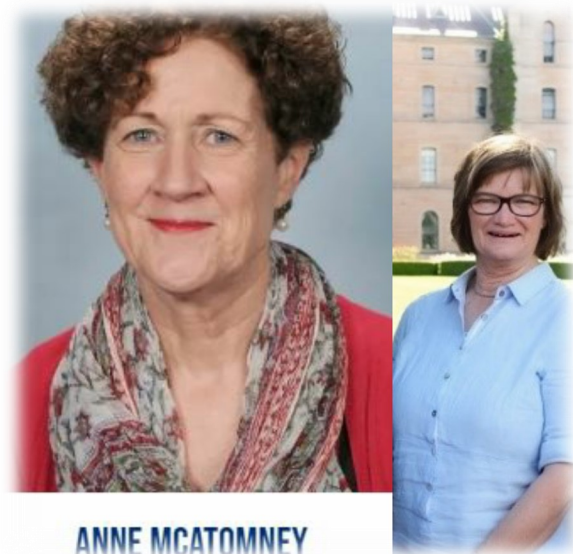
Blackburn, Victoria.

The Chevalier Institute based at Kensington, Sydney, has a new Director. Anne McAtomney, a key staff member at Downlands College (Queensland) was appointed to replace Alison McKenzie, (also General Secretary, Laity of the Chevalier Family) who finishes her term at the end of 2020. The Institute has made good use of virtual media during these COVID times by presenting excellent Webinars such as “Creation as God's Love Story” <https://youtu.be/kxtDZ1IBQP4> , and “God and Science - Can they co exist?” <https://youtu.be/ezReOhkX3f8> . The MSC Retreat Centre at Douglas Park has been likewise using media to facilitate retreats such as Michael Fallon, MSC, on **Paul's Letter to the Galatians, a 6 Day Online Retreat** held in May, <https://www.towersretreat.org.au/>



Religious Profession and Diaconate in the Philippines

Nguyen Quang Huy, MSC. Seven others renewed their vows. We thank the Lord for the vocation and commitment of all these MSC confrères and offer them our congratulations!



ANNE MCATOMNEY

.Rachel Francis-Davies has appointed Principal of Daramalan College in Canberra, to replace Rita Daniels whose lengthy association with MSC is deeply appreciated by the Province.

Those who have been to the General House in the last twelve months will remember the ebullient Quy Duc Nguyen, MSC, who was studying Biblical Theology in Rome. He has accepted a position as Lecturer at Pacific Regional Seminary in Suva Fiji. He will move to Fiji as soon as travel restrictions allow it. Congratulations Quy!!

Our Province of South Korea has been inspirational in their handling of the COVID 19 pandemic. As in many places, they are having public Masses and meetings wearing masks and keeping social distance. They have been coping with not only the virus, but also serious floods, and landslides which have displaced thousands and killed at least 30 people, after 46 days of heavy rains. Jangmi, the season's fifth tropical cyclone, is expected to bring more days of rain.

In Japan they are in a new semi lockdown (again). The virus seems unstoppable. Here in Japan the central government has more concern in the economy, promoting and subsidizing the domestic tourism, eating out, traveling etc which only help the spread of

the COVID 19, while the local governments busy handling the rapid spread of the virus. But for the time being our MSC confrères and our people are alright.

Our MSC JPIC offices in the Asia-Australia region have been reminding us of Pope Francis' message at Hiroshima in 2019, when said that "all people need to lay down the weapons of war, and especially the most powerful and destructive weapon: nuclear arms that can cripple and destroy whole cities, whole countries". With the Pope we share our closeness to the people of Japan through our confrères there.

Probably the most effected MSC entity in the region is the Indian Union. Our foundations are in the south of the country, particularly the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka which have seen high rates of COVID 19 cases. There are hard restrictions on travel



Fr. Alex and Novices (2020/2021)

across state borders, so some members have not been able to take up appointments, or return home from trips. Charles Babu, MSC (well known former Indian Union Superior) has gone to Warangal in Telangana to look after the Philosophy students. Recent good news is the acquisition and registration of property there for our students and MSC priests. Half way between Warangal and Bangalore, we have a new presence with Joseph Chinnabathini, MSC and Ravi Kumar, MSC taking up parish ministry in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. After excellent work by Arockia Samy, MSC building up the parish in Joseph Nagara, in Hassan District, the bishop returned the parish to the diocese. Congratulations to Joji babu, MSC for his work on the presbytery being constructed at Janakipuram, near Warangal. Special congratulations to Alex Kulandaisamy, MSC, Novitiate Director, his assistant Baskar Lenus, MSC, and their five novices on getting the novitiate program up and running. While the Novitiate house is in Kerala, because of the restrictions the Novitiate is locked down at Chevalier Bhavan, Bangalore, some 500 km away!

We extend our prayers and best wishes to them and all our confrères throughout the region.

| Chris Chaplin, MSC

LIFE AND MISSION IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC IN LATIN AMERICAN ENTITIES

The Entities (Provinces, Regions and Sections) present in Latin America continue to bear witness to mission even in the midst of this time of uncertainty. In the initial months when the countries were under government-imposed "lock down", our confreres complied with the instructions, limiting

their pastoral-missionary work. On-line Masses and other services became a reality for almost all the confreres at that time and, although many works were cancelled because of the situation of physical separation, our confreres were able to adapt without abandoning the mission.

As examples of the methods of accompaniment created at that time, we have decided to follow more closely the process of adaptation in the Andean Region (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela). Since February, when we had a face-to-face meeting in Quito, we have already met twice with the representatives of each country - in online meetings. In the second meeting in July we had the help of Sister Maria Eugenia, an advisor who is accompanying us in this process.

In Jul an online meeting of the Perpetual Vows Preparation Meeting led by the Color America Team took place, as you can read in the article written by one of the participants, Roney Lima.

And finally, on September 23rd we had a meeting with all the Superiors of the CA-MSc so that we could share how each group is living this time of pandemic, its joys and challenges, and to deal with some more practical matters such as dates and processes. It was a light and relaxed meeting with the main goal of being supportive of each other as we try to be a more interconnected and interdependent congregation.



| Humberto Henriques, MSC

THE LAST MISSIONARY OF THE FRENCH/SWISS PROVINCE LEAVES SENEGAL

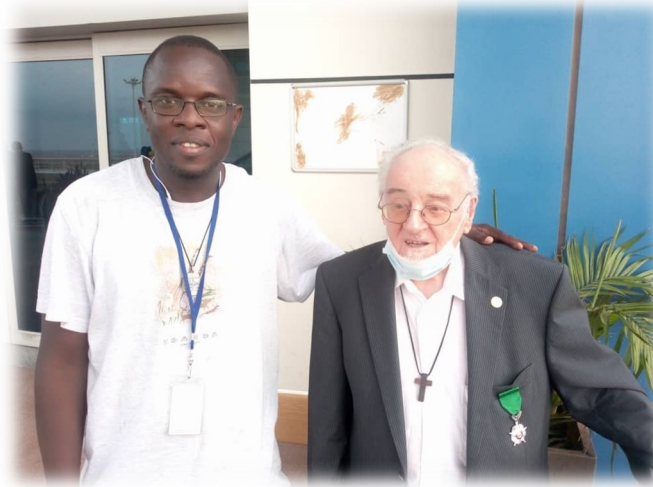
On Wednesday 08 July 2020, the Diocese of Kaolack, with all the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of the District of Senegal, accompanied by our sisters, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, gathered to pay vibrant homage to one of our confreres: Father Marcel Pichonnaz. Father Pichonnaz has spent about 65 years in Senegal as a missionary. He loved this country very much, and he gave his whole life to its service. Today He is 91 years old.

After 65 years of mission on Senegalese soil, on July 13, 2020, Father Marcel Pichonnaz was taken to the airport to return home. It was an emotional moment for him and for us as well.

As we know, the first Missionaries of the Sacred Heart arrived in Senegal in 1953. And Father Pichonnaz was part of the third group to set foot on Senegalese soil in 1955. He was therefore one of the pioneers sent by the MSC France/Switzerland Province to found the Diocese of Kaolack with our MSC confrere, Théophile Cadoux, as the first bishop of the Diocese.

During the farewell Mass with Father Marcel Pichonnaz, the bishop of Kaolack, Bishop Martin Boucar Tine, paid a heartfelt tribute to all those valiant missionaries who had dared to give their lives by coming to implant the spirituality of the Heart in this Region of Saloum (the Diocese of Kaolack). For 67 years, the France/Switzerland Province sent more than fifty confreres to work in Senegal. Today, the Memorare of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is said throughout the Diocese: both by individuals, as well as during all public gatherings. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is the patroness of the Diocese. A

Marian shrine where pilgrims arrive by thousands every year has been erected under the name of *Keur Mariama* (the House of mama Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart). The spiritual animation of this shrine is given to the MSC and we have our community there.



We take note of the immense heritage our elders have left us. Since Father Marcel Pichonnaz was the last confrere of the France/Switzerland Province still active on Senegalese soil, his departure from the country for his Mother Province marks an historic moment : the end of a missionary era and the opening of a new page in

the the history of the local church. Today, this "little mustard seed" which our elders have sown, sometimes with pain and sorrow, even at the cost of their blood, has become a large tree where the birds of the sky come to lay their nests (cf. Matthew 13, 31 -35). The time has come for us, African-Senegalese missionaries, to take up the various challenges we face, to transmit, here and elsewhere, this treasure which is the spirituality of the Heart of God that we have received from our elders!

I would like to take this opportunity to express all my gratitude, in the name of all my brothers, to the Province of France/Switzerland. Thank you to all our confreres who have laboured here on Senegalese soil. We are very grateful to you. Without you, we would not be missionaries of the Sacred Heart today!

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved, forever!

| George Diabone, MSC - (UAF)

PERPETUAL PROFESSION CELEBRATION AND FOUNDATION DAY OF MSC IN VIETNAM

On Saturday of Aug 15th, 2020, we MSC in Vietnam, celebrated a feast of many different events. The celebration took place in the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier, Saigon Diocese.

First of all with the whole Church we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. Aug 15th is the date that we choose to commemorate the foundation of official presence of us MSC in Vietnam since 2003. Therefore, in this Feast day of Mary's Assumption, we express our thankfulness to the Lord, through the intercession of Mother Mary, for establishing our MSC presence in Vietnam and for his accompaniment during these past 17 years. We are so grateful to God for sending us so many good missionaries of Jesus' Heart from the MSC Australian Province to Vietnam, together with MSC from other provinces as well. And these MSC have really made Jesus' Heart present through the witness of their own lives. The list of these people is long, men such as Peter Huan, Frank Dineen, Thoi Tran, Bob Irwin (at very beginning of this journey), and so many others that I am unable to list them all here; yet they are all in our hearts. These men came to us in different times, situations, with their special personalities, and their own life stories, yet they showed to us the same spirit, the spirit of Jesus' Heart, the Heart of fraternal love, gentleness, kindness, joy, humility and simplicity, encouragement, compassion and sense of humor.

And this really make us know that we are loved by God, we are in His Heart.

Through 17 years, MSC's presence here in Vietnam has borne fruit with 26 professed brothers (12 perpetual, 14 temporal), and 7 Vietnamese novices in Philippines. Thanks to our MSC formation we have been conformed to Jesus' Heart, our definite model in our lives. We continue slowly to try our best to live out the Spirituality of the Heart in our journey as MSC.

On Aug 15th this year we joyfully celebrated the ceremony of perpetual profession of our dear brother Hung LE. Because of the Corona pandemic that we could have a big crowd of people to attend the celebration. The celebration included only our MSC brothers, OLSH, MSC Sisters and members of Hung's family. Yet the celebration was marked by the sense of warmth as one united family. After the mass, we had a simple meal together in our small house.

So once again, on the Feast of Mary's Assumption, we give thanks to our God for all His blessing to our MSC community in Vietnam for 17 years and for the future as well. We are also very grateful to the generosity of our MSC Australian Province for bringing the MSC charism and Spirituality to Vietnam, so that we may be the Heart of Christ on earth.

| Hoang Nguyes, MSC - (Vietnam)



ORDINATION OF DIACONATE CEREMONY



On the Friday morning of August 21, 2020, members of the Vietnamese MSC community gathered together in the beautiful and warm Chapel of the Pastoral Central of Phu Cuong Diocese (the neighboring diocese to Saigon diocese) with members of the family of Dominic Savio Bang Hai DINH, MSC and Francis Xavier Thi Dinh NGUYEN, MSC to attend the ceremony of the Ordination of Deacons.

The presider was Bishop Joseph Nguyen Tan Tuoc of Phu Cuong Diocese together with MSC priests and Fr Joseph Luc of the diocese as concelebrants. Some OLSH and MSC sisters were also present with us. We had to limit the number of guests because of the pandemic: only Brothers and

Sisters of MSC family and families of our two deacons were able to attend the ceremony. Yet the ceremony took place earnestly, solemnly, and warmly.

After the ceremony, everyone moved to our community house in Go Vap district to enjoy a friendly lunch together.

Thank God through the intercession of the Holy Mother for granting the MSC in Vietnam many great special graces of blessings in the raising up Br.Thi and Br.Bang to their new missionary roles as Deacons.

| Hoang Nguyes, MSC - (Vietnam)

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION IN THE UNION OF AFRICA



Sunday 16 August 2020 was a triple day of celebration and joy in our country of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Firstly for the locals and residents because we were released from the yoke of confinement that has weighed on us for five months. Secondly for the Catholic Church which celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and thirdly for the MSC of the French-speaking African Union in thanksgiving to the Lord for the first profession of the seven brothers: Eric Ngagoum, Benjamin Awono and Abeng Paulin from Cameroon; Valea Jean-Jacques and Danem Romain from Burkina Faso; Boli Emmanuel and Jevic Nguimbi from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The celebration was held in our Motema Mosantu Novitiate in Kimwenza.

Mass was celebrated before a crowd of a few hundred people composed of confreres and postulants of the MSC, Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Missionary Sisters of Christ, and about fifty other religious from various institutes, abbots, families and friends of the professed. The liturgical procession comprised the future professed, about fifteen MSC priests and other religious and diocesan priests, friends and altar boys began slightly late at 10.25 am under the guidance of the main

celebrant, the superior of the district of Congo and delegate of the Superior General, Father Dieudonne Kenda, who was to receive the vows.

After a little more than two hours of celebration in the African way, which was animated by our postulants from Righini and simulated the day before by a rehearsal, our seven novices emerged as fully professed MSC confreres following Christ, faithful to the charism and spirituality that the servant of God Jules Chevalier bequeathed to us. After a time reserved for the inevitable congratulations and hugs even in the period of the pandemic, everyone retired to the place for the celebratory meal. Some left immediately, but others stayed on as long as possible, drinking, eating, but above all dancing to the rhythm of a variety of African music.

It was a beautiful day, but also and above all after the year of novitiate, offering new confreres to the congregation and new religious to the church. Deo gratias and above all may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved, everywhere!

| Jonas Hassan, MSC - (UAF)

A HEART THAT NEVER TIRES OF LOVING

From 13 to 19 July 2020, the Third Preparatory Course for Perpetual Vows took place on the theme of "My definitive commitment to the Lord in the Chevalier Family" and with the motto "Called to be the presence of his merciful heart". Silvia (Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Brazil); Jhonny Brito (Province of Central America, El Salvador); Tiago Donizete, Patrick Poli, Pablo Moura and myself, Roney Lima (Province of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil).



This special time of formation made us reflect on life as a great gift from God, which needs to be loved, celebrated and renewed daily. We became aware that in our Chevalier Family love is the most subtle force that goes out from us to reach the world, impelling us to spread love. This is why we need to prepare ourselves for our vows: to make our lives an offering for the Kingdom.

We have appreciated the presence of Simon Peter, a Benedictine Monk, who has shown us the need to respect, value and live each time and rhythm of our journey as consecrated men and women. He also taught us to see community life as an offering from God which energises our vocation. Without this dimension our choice would be incomplete and a mismatch with the new life proposed by Jesus. In his way of being the Messiah, Jesus makes the community the place wherein the Kingdom of God is spread.

Our commitment must resemble that of Jesus of Nazareth. He was poor and committed to the poor and excluded of his time. Biblically, the 'poor' are those who do not hold on to any earthly good and are therefore able to cling to God in an authentic relationship of trust. Whoever takes up the model of Christ's self-giving recognizes that following his way involves the cross, the giving of one's whole life, commitment to the poor, the struggle for justice and a prophetic 'break' with other values for the sake of the Kingdom.

We cannot disassociate the three evangelical counsels from our consecration. They are integrated into our realization of ourselves as human beings and our desire to make room in our life for the realization of God's plan. Our vows do not make us privileged, but commit us to live our baptismal consecration more consistently. By professing our vows in our sister congregations in the same spirit, we will declare to the Church and to the world that this is the way we have chosen to be free and to serve.

We are impelled by the Heart of Jesus to be sensitive to all reality around us. Our charism, spirituality and mission are our Christian way of proclaiming God, of being human and of building the Kingdom of God.

Our common desire has led us here. We are aware that consecration will not make us perfect, but will commit us to a constant process of conversion.

For us students, this time has been a propitious time to give ourselves to the call that has reverberated in our hearts. We thank Sister Marta Maria, Sister Carolin, Father Marvin and Father Mario Roosler for being God's instruments in this process of 'widening the space of the Tent, extending the strings and strengthening the stakes' (Is 54:2), but above all we thank them for reminding us that God has put much love of his Heart into the act of creating us and this gives us the certainty that we will be happy.

| Roney Lima, MSC - (Rio de Janeiro's Province)

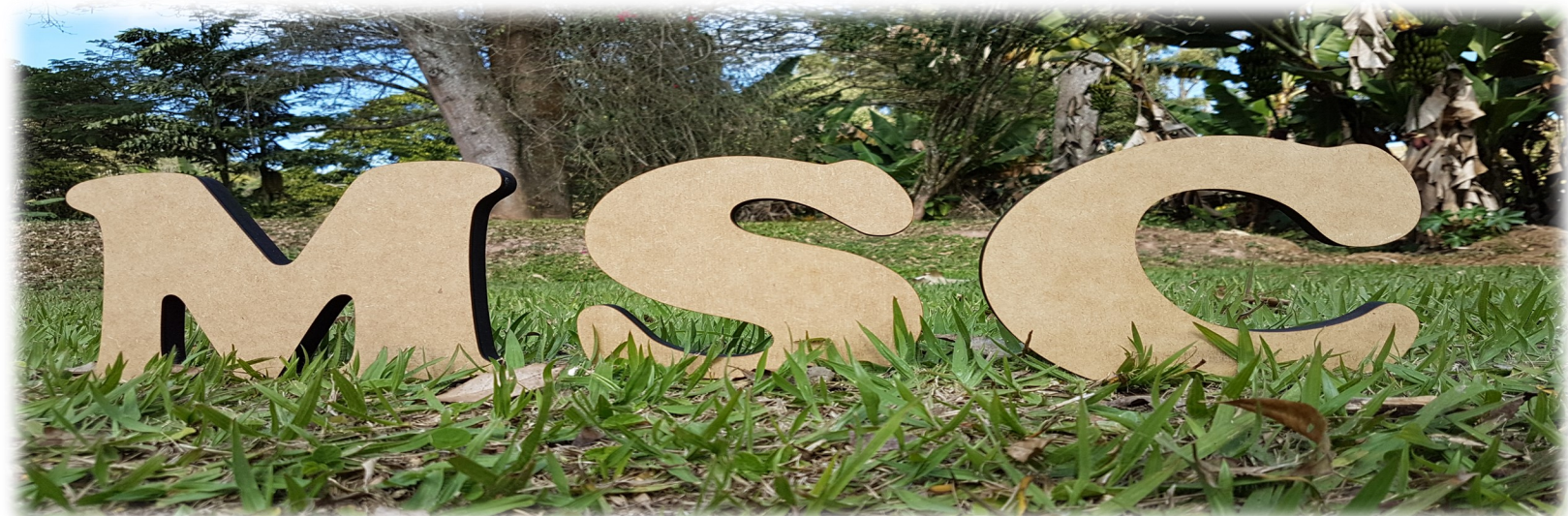
40th Chapter of the Italian Province

The 40th Chapter of the Italian MSC Province took place from the 13th to the 17th of July at the Community residence in Corso del Rinascimento in Rome. Currently the Italian Province has 21 members together with a section in Brazil at Fortaleza (CE). 11 MSC participated. Unfortunately the delegates of the Brazilian Section were prevented from participating due to the Covid 19 restrictions. The representative of the Superior General was Fr. Humberto Henrique Da Silva, General Councillor. These four days dedicated to prayer, meditation and personal confrontation guided the Chapter to define the task that the new Provincial Administration will have to sustain during their three years of service: "Care in the formation and accompaniment of the communities". After 4 votes, Fr Mario Scalici was elected Provincial Superiori. After a further 4 votes, Fathers Giuseppe Galliano, the outgoing Provincial, and Armando Genovese were elected as Councillors.

We entrust to the intercession of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart our Provincial leader and his Council in carrying out the great and delicate task of service in our Congregation.



| *Mario Scalici, MSC - (Italian Province)*



COUNCIL APPROVALS

We affectionately affirm these brothers of ours mentioned below. We hope that their commitment will be without reservation to make the Heart of Jesus loved everywhere.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>
03.03.2020	Ronie BOTONA	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
03.03.2020	Michael Angelo DACALOS	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
03.03.2020	Ace YU	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
03.03.2020	Agustinus Budiman	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
03.03.2020	Andreas Buarlele	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
03.03.2020	Novri Dien	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
03.03.2020	Stefanus Adi Budi Kristianto	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
03.03.2020	Wensislaus Batbual	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
20.04.2020	Georges Angel Zang Amougou	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
20.04.2020	Isaac Maurice Kaja Lenga	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
01.06.2020	Nicholaus (Niko) Jamrewav	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	(Jackry) Marsiano Tamboto	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Aloysius (Elwis) Sever Lefubun	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Yoviarus (Yovi) Tarukan	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Advento (Vento) Masinda	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Bernardus (Teguh) Raharjo	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Marius (Rio) Sarkol	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Yustinus (Rey) F.Andriano Lerebulan	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
01.06.2020	Petrus (Pitno) Katan Piran	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
05.06.2020	Janray (Godonez) Castañares	PHILIPPINES	FINAL PROFESSION
08.06.2020	Jaime Rosique Mardones	SPAIN	FINAL PROFESSION
08.06.2020	Olivier Biembe Ikala	UAF	PRIESTHOOD
08.06.2020	Ezéchiel Arsène Couly Ndione	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
08.06.2020	Raphael Aimé Chegain Djidjou	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
22.06.2020	Julieto Jr. (Odtojan) Amaneo	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
22.06.2020	Chris John (Abastas) Awa	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
08.07.2020	Jhonny Maria Brito Santana	DOMENICAN REPUBLIC	FINAL PROFESSION
10.07.2020	Omer Martinez Montenegro	PERU	FINAL PROFESSION
21.07.2020	Evariste Romain Kyelem Pegdwende	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
21.07.2020	Jean de Dieu Loofi Epaso	UAF	FINAL PROFESSION
21.07.2020	Isaac Maurice Kaja Lenga	UAF	DIACONATE
21.07.2020	Hung Quoc Le	AUST/ VIETNAM	FINAL PROFESSION
21.07.2020	Thi Dinh Nguyen	AUST/ VIETNAM	DIACONATE
21.07.2020	Bang Hai Dinh	AUST/ VIETNAM	DIACONATE
21.07.2020	Chung Minh Tran	AUST / VIETNAM	PRIESTHOOD
14.09.2020	Jairo Uriel Sevilla Mendoza	CENTRAL AMERICA	PRIESTHOOD
14.09.2020	Martinus Rikiwi Setiaji	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
14.09.2020	Antonius Obe Haryon	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
14.09.2020	Bonaventura Farnuebun	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
14.09.2020	Paulus Edi Nugroho	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
14.09.2020	Christian Reza	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
14.09.2020	Robertus Tala Roga	INDONESIA	FINAL PROFESSION
09.2020	Vikena Sosefo	PACIFIC UNION	PRIESTHOOD

Our MSC confreres who died from COVID-19 in the United States Province

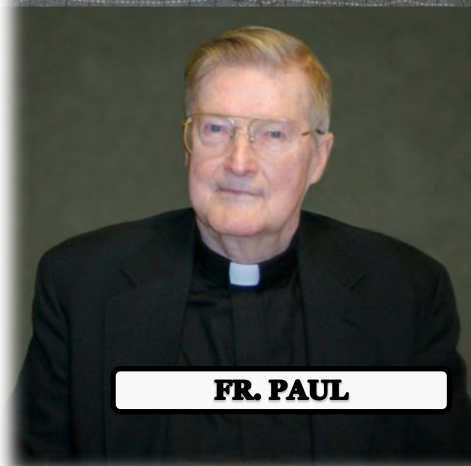
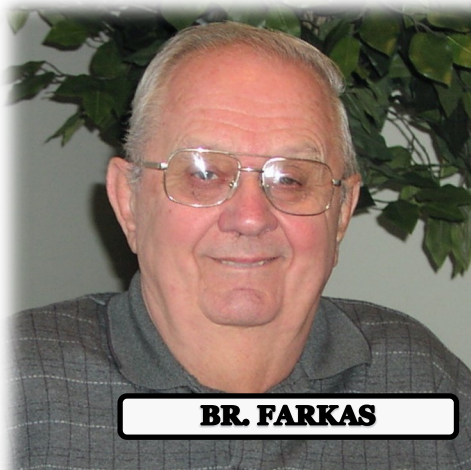
The United States Province lost three members in 2020 to the Corona Virus pandemic. The first one that died was Brother George Farkas, MSC, on May 29, 2020. He was 88 years old.

Two members died on the same day, June 2, 2020. The first was Brother Joseph Tesar, MSC, and the second was Father John Paul, MSC. Brother Tesar was 87 years old, and Father Paul was 87.

All three of these members died in the same nursing home. Brother

Farkas and Brother Tesar had been living in this home for about 5 years. Father Paul had been placed in this home to recover from a broken bone he had suffered in a fall. All three of them had other pre-existing conditions. These conditions plus their advanced age made them more at risk of not being able to recover when they contracted the virus.

Brother Farkas was involved in managing the finances of the province for most of his religious life. Brother Tesar served the poor in different ministries here in the USA. He then



did missionary work in Papua New Guinea for over 16 years. Father Paul was involved in tribunal work in various dioceses, in formation work, and was superior of several communities. All three of these confreres served faithfully for many years in the ministry of making the Sacred Heart of Jesus known and loved everywhere.

| Steve Boland, MSC - (USA Province)

Our MSC confreres who died from COVID-19 in the Belgium Province

Fr. Alfons de Nijs was born in Deurne (Antwerp) on 14/07/1936, the third in a family of five children. Feeling called to religious life, he entered the apostolic school in Asse in 1947. On the 23rd April 1962 he was ordained a priest in Louvain. He was first a mission promoter in the region of Antwerp and Flemish Brabant, which he did with the enthusiasm that would characterise his life.

His missionary dream came true in 1968. He was able to go and strengthen the Belgian MSC group in the southwest region of Paraná (Brazil).

At the end of his holidays in Belgium in 2019, the doctors forbade him to return to Brazil because of the delicate state of his heart. He would have liked to return to Brazil at least for a farewell visit. But the coronavirus decided otherwise: in early March 2020, he was infected and hospitalised. He died on 6 April 2020, without being able to say goodbye.

We give thanks for Father Alfonso.

Fr. Joseph Bosmans was born on 8th December 1927 in Bree. Coming from a very religious family, he felt the vocation to the priesthood at a very early age.

At the beginning of September 1942, he entered the apostolic school of the Congregation in

Asse and was ordained priest in Louvain on 6/09/1953. His great dream was to join the Belgian brothers who had been working in the mission of Paraná (Brazil) since 1948. He was able to join them in 1955.

In the last years of his life, through visits to hospitals, he kept in touch with many people, until his death from COVID-19 on 17 April 2020. May God grant you the eternal rest you deserve.

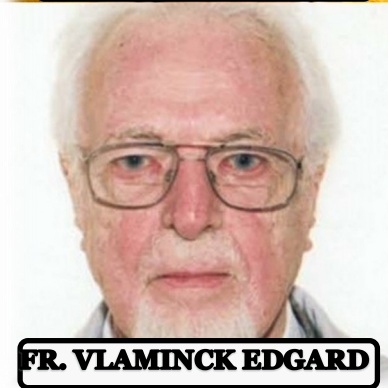
Fr. Edgard De Vlamincck was born on 08-01-1926 in Lembeke (East Flanders). He entered the Apostolic School in Asse in September 1937. On 21.09.1948 he made his final vows and on 04.03.1950 he was ordained priest. After his ordination, Fr.

Edgard attended the Social School and it was in 1953 that he embarked for the first time for the mission of Equateur (Belgian Congo).

After the house in Beernem was closed and sold in 2004, Fr. Edgard retired to Borgerhout, where he lived another 16 years in a quiet retreat among his confreres.

He died in the General Hospital of Deurne on 14-04-2020 from Covid-19. Restrictions during the time prevented the community from saying goodbye to him.

| *Germann van Muylder, MSC - (Belgium Province)*



Our confrere who died from COVID-19 in the Central America Province

TANTO EN LA VIDA
COMO EN LA MUERTE,
SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
ROMANOS 14,8

DESCANSE EN PAZ



José Doré Chicas Márquez was born in violent times during which his family suffered a great deal. In his youth he worked enthusiastically in his parish with the Franciscans, before he began his vocational discernment.

in Guatemala, he studied at the University Rafael Landívar obtaining the professorship in philosophy. He made his novitiate under the direction of Fr. Rafael Rodríguez in the Dominican Republic. He took his first vows in the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart on August 6, 2003. He studied theology with the Jesuits at the UCA in San Salvador, obtaining a degree in

theology. He exercised his diaconate in the parish of St. Louis Gonzaga de Mariona directed by the MSC. Ordained priest he continued his pastoral experience in the same parish until he was appointed as formator of the philosophers. In the house of Julio Chevalier in Guatemala he enthusiastically gave himself to his mission as formator and became active in the promotion of the Religious Life collaborating intensely with the Conference of Religious of Guatemala.

After twelve years of priesthood and 45 years of life, he fell victim to the coronavirus (covid-19) and died on 18 July. In spite of our wishes that God would leave Doré Chicas to us for a longer time, He took him away so that "where he (Christ) is there also is José Doré". God's plan for each person and for each of his works is a mystery. It is good to hear what people lived, felt, and experienced in their dealings with José Doré: He was a joyful man, with a great sense of brotherhood, of close and sincere treatment, careful, concerned about everyone, and attentive to everything without seeking to be noticed. He was a man of intense dedication, dedicated to his mission as a formator and with a sense of belonging to the congregation. This is the vision of the laity about our brother and it fills us with pride how they saw him and how they shared with him. Unfortunately, we are not used to seeing the positive things that we all have. May José Doré Chicas Márquez intercede before the Lord for all of us. Amen.

| *Joaquin Herrera, MSC - (Central America Province)*



Our confrere who died from COVID-19 in the Spain Province



On 21 September, in Valladolid (Spain), Fr. Isabelino Rubio García died on his 83rd birthday. He was born in Valdunquillo in 1937 and very young, at the age of 11, he joined the Little Work of Valladolid. He moved to Canet de Mar to make his novitiate. He made his religious profession in 1954 and, in Rome, after obtaining his degree in Sacred Theology, he was ordained priest in 1961. From this date, Fr. Isabelino's life is offered as a varied and great service in all the ministries he was appointed to. His capacity, adaptability and varied skills led him to occupy various positions as teacher and director of the scholasticate, the Sacred Heart School in Pontevedra, rector of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Barcelona and parish priest in various churches of the Congregation, he was also Provincial Councillor on several occasions and Provincial Superior from 1993 to 1999. During this period the MSC mission in Paraguay was started.

In the area of the Spanish Church, he was a delegate to CONFER (Spanish Conference of Religious) and was appointed to various diocesan offices, such as the Presbyteral Council and the Group of Consultants of the Diocese of Valladolid.

He was a person with a strong personality, very optimistic in everything he undertook or was asked to lead. Easy to communicate with, he created good and lasting friendships in the different communities and ministries he was entrusted with. Without a doubt, he led a life full of dedication and activity at the service of the communities he was in.

| *Paco Blanco, MSC - (Spain Province)*

Our confrer who died from COVID-19 in the French Province

Brother Robert RYCKEBUSCH, MSC died on April 5, in Marseille, from COVID-19. He was the first of the whole MSC Congregation, but one who loved to be in the last place! He spent his life in Senegal providing the mission with the necessary infrastructure for the proclamation of the Gospel. He built several churches, schools, houses, etc.

One of our Parisian friends speaks of the "palette of the good God", his simplicity, his deep and natural goodness. His confreres cannot come to Issoudun without feeling nostalgia for his smile. That sums up his life, all given to the little ones and the poor. Back in France, he lived for several years in Issoudun and from 2011 he lived at the Hameau des Accates (Marseille) where he was very much appreciated by all the residents.



| *Daniel Augie, MSC - (French Province)*

MORTUI - (MARCH—SEPTEMBER)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE HE DIED</u>
Fransiskus Rares	INDONESIA	08.03.2020	Tomohon
Timothy Gleeson	IRELAND	07.03.2020	Cork
Robert Ryckebusch	FRENCE	05.04.2020	Marseille
Alfons Jean De Nijs	BELGIUM	06.04.2020	Borgerhout
Peter Marie (Pie) Lochs	NETHERLAND	08.04.2020	Tilburg
Emmanuel Koroi (Ansi)	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	08.04.2020	Port Moresby
(Ted) Edward Patrick Merritt	AUSTRALIA	09.04.2020	Northern Terr
Edgar De Vlamincx	BELGIUM	14.04.2020	Anvers
Manfred Ridil	NORTH GERMAN	14.04.2020	Münster
Jozef Bosmans	BELGIUM	17.04.2020	Maaseik
Norbertus Ngutra	INDONESIA	25.04.2020	Jakarta
Blasius Mayer	NORTH GERMAN	15.05.2020	Munich
Gilbert D'Hondt	BELGIUM	17.05.2020	Beernem
George Farkas	USA	29.05.2020	Bethlehem
Desmond Charles Moore	AUSTRALIA	02.06.2020	Kensington
Joseph Tesar	USA	02.06.2020	Bethlehem
John (Jack) Paul	USA	02.06.2020	Bethlehem
Jacob Tuikum	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	24.06.2020	Kavieng
Aloysius Endro Wignyoseputra	INDONESIA	01.07.2020	Central Java
Saimon Kokoria	PACIFIC UNION	03.07.2020	Kiribati
Jacques Alkemade	NETHERLAND	06.07.2020	Tilburg
Joseph Holle	NORTH GERMAN	08.07.2020	Münster-Hiltrup
Yohanis Sareta	INDONESIA	13.07.2020	Jakarta
Raymond Dossmann	FRENCH	13.07.2020	Marseille
José Doré Chicas Márquez	CENTRAL AMERICA	18.07.2020	Guatemala
Santiago Alonso Abellán-García	SPAIN	21.07.2020	Valladolid
Daniel O'Connor	IRELAND	22.07.2020	Cork
Neville Michael Dunne	AUSTRALIA	25.07.2020	Kensington
Gabriel Knuts	BELGIUM	31.07.2020	Rumst
Maxi Simon Dumanauw	INDONESIA	04.08.2020	Manado
Vincentius (Marlon) Markus Suhardi	INDONESIA	05.08.2020	Kalimantan/Borneo
German Johannes Gerard Vernooij	RIO DE JANEIRO	07.08.2020	Rio de Janeiro
Antonius Gerardus Wengkang	INDONESIA	22.08.2020	Jakarta
Frank Timar	USA	10.09.2020	Bethlehem
Klaus Machwirth	SOUTH GERMAN / AUSTRIA	10.09.2020	Hohenwart

ON LINE

We changed the form but not the essence - the photos on this page show a little of our accompaniment during this time of pandemic!



Leadership team - when we were not all in Rome



Tri-Generalate



APIA Meeting



Indian Union Meeting



Leadership Team with Tim Brennan



On 16 July Fr. Mário Scalici, MSC, was elected to the serve as Provincial Superior of Italian Province for a three-year term. The election took place in Rome during the 40th Provincial Chapter. We thank Fr. Mario for accepting this service and wish the whole Province well!

On 16 September Fr. Ronnie Anderson Diniz, MSC, was elected to serve as Provincial Superior of Rio de Janeiro Province for a three-year term. The election took place in Juiz de Fora-MG, during the Elective Assembly. We thank Fr. Ronnie for accepting this service and wish the whole Province well!





The MSC community of Via Asmara celebrated on 20th September the 50th birthday of Fr. Abzalón Alvarado and the 50th anniversary of religious profession of Fr. Andre Claessens



On 26 September Fr. Valentim Fagundes de Menezes, MSC, until then Provincial of the Province of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), was ordained Bishop. Valentim has been elected bishop of the Diocese of Balsas-MA, a missionary diocese in the northeast of Brazil.

We thank Monsignor Valentine for his life dedicated to the mission in our Congregation and pray that he will bring our MSC charism to the Diocese of Balsas.



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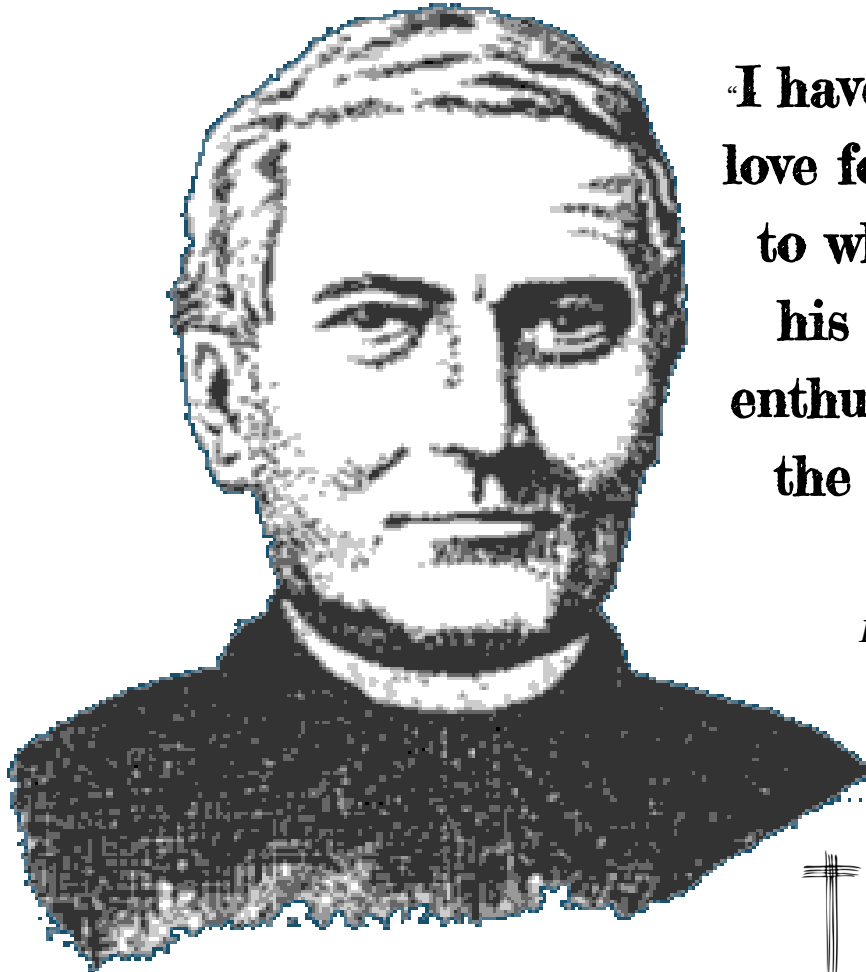
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“I have Always admired his love for the Heart of Jesus to whom he consecrates his life; his undaunted enthusiasm in working for the glory of this divine Heart;” (..)

*Fr. Piperon about Fr. Julio Chevalier
(MSC Readings)*



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CORRECTIONS
Tony Arthur, MSC
(Australia Province)

