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GENERAL BULLETIN

Dear brothers Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and members of the Chevalier Family, here we offer another General Bulletin to share our activities, thoughts and, above all, our Charism and Spirituality as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

This month of June is particularly special for us because we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus together with the whole Church. We hope that each one of us can renew his missionary heart in the Heart of the beloved Son of God. For this, we offer you, besides the news, one important reflection titled "LOVE OF OUR COMMON HOME: THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART AND LAUDATO SI', by Fr. Abundio 'Jay-Ar' Babor, MSC (Province of the Philippines), written especially for this Bulletin.

I hope you enjoy our General Bulletin and I ask you to share it with the entire Chevalier Family, so that we can share our life and our mission.

Fraternally in the Heart of Christ,

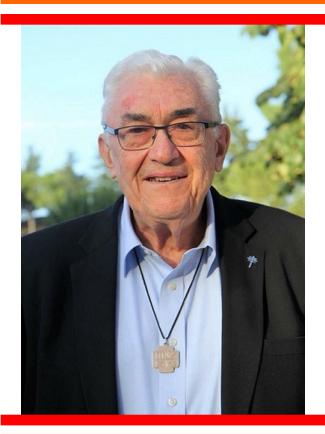
 $P.\ Humberto\ Henriques,\ mSC$

As a leadership team we are constantly challenged to recognize the Sacred Heart in each other and in each one of you. He challenges us as He challenges you to stay in the light of that love which can make all things new. Never lose hope or sink into fear, for our hope is not in the dysfunction of the world, nor in the insurmountable problems that constantly assail us, nor our feeble attempts to make it allright. No, our hope is in this person who offers us a vision of the unbridled tender, generosity of the Divine Presence in the world. It is in this that "we live and move and find our being" (Act 17,28).

The Sacred Heart Feast Letter Friday, June 08th, 2018



A LOVING TRIBUTE TO FR. MARK MCDONALD, MSC



July 22, 1942 – April 2, 2018

On April 9th MSC and Religious from all over the world gathered to bid farewell to Fr. Mark McDonald, MSC in Watertown, NY. The main celebrant was Bishop Terry LaValley. The homilist was MSC Provincial, Rev. Raymond Diesbourg. In addition to Father's 2 sisters, Mary & Sally, and their families, present at the Mass were 32 Priests, 5 Deacons, and representatives of the MSC Sisters, Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and Sisters of St. Joseph. The MSC Superior General from Rome, Rev. Mario Abzalon Alvarado, also attended as well as MSC Provincial Rev. Raymond Diesbourg, Local MSC Superior, Rev. Richard Kennedy, and Fathers Joseph Gleixner, Pierre Aubin, Vincent Freeh, Jonas Tandayu,

David DeLuca, Br Jean-Paul Paradis, Simione Volavola, Joseph Kanimea, Frank Natale, and 3 MSC priests from the Canadian Province of Quebec. MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL In his homily Father Diesbourg noted that as it was the feast day of the Annunciation of Mary, he compared the life of Mother Mary to the life of Fr. McDonald. He cited Mary's submission to the will of God, when she said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word". Fr McDonald was available to do the will of God in his call to the mission of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. During the evening prayers on Sunday, there were people who gave testimonies regarding the life of Fr. McDonald. His grandnephew, 10 years old, put his hand up and said, "Uncle Mark brings people together". What a beautiful description from a 10 year old. Fr. Mark will be greatly missed by the Church, and especially by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. He was a wise, great leader, and kind. Rest in peace Fr. McDonald.

P. Joe Kanimea, MSC

"Man's greatest need, if he is to find meaning in life, is to learn to believe in God's love for him, and let it transform his life..."

(Jules Chevalier)

VISIT TO SOUTH GERMAN-AUSTRIA PROVINCE

In my meeting with our confreres in South community has formed so many MSC and today Germany-Austria I encountered great hope and continues to be a training space for confreres enthusiasm. I began my visit in Nitra, Slovakia. from other countries as well. We had a good

This community has the youngest members I have found in Europe. Then I visited the other communities: Salzburg (which Father Chevalier also visited) and Freilassing where some of our older live with conferes those in the provincial administration. At our Salzburg College in and in the Bondeko missionary project

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spirituality will continue to be alive. the law and familial problems. there is the Chevalier House which is for young



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missionaries of Africa. The meeting with these men, as always, was an uplifting moment. I highly value the dedication of so many MSC who spent their years in this center for the promotion of youth, and today the direction of this Centre is carried out by lay people.

Then in Innsbruk, I felt the same hope again with the "young" MSC who live there. This

meeting about future projects and community experience. I especially valued a possible new project which will help young people discover their vocation in life.

I felt I was reaching up into the heavens in the wonderful and mountainous place called Maria Kirchental. Here there is a space of prayer pilgrimage and

people to live the missionary spirit) I was deeply within natural beauty. This is a place with a lot of impressed by the way the lay people live and history and is a devotional center for the whole continue to spread our Charism, Spirituality and area. I went from Kirchental to Steinerskirchen, a Mission in this reality. This has reaffirmed for me place where they are developing workshops and that it is through the Laity that our charism and retreats in an ecological and integrated context In the for the good of human growth. The laity and MSC Birkeneck community I saw a wonderful project work together here and are working together. I for young people who have had difficulties with also spent time with MSC in Donauwört and In this center Rebdorf, there is so much MSC history here.

There are many challenges and situations refugees and migrants. Here there is another to work on, but in the end, it is "the life of Christ" of in this Province that helps them to face their older MSC difficulties. There is plenty of life here.

> Thank you for welcoming me and for your them openness in meetings and interviews. I greatly valued my meeting with the Provincial Council, which confirmed in me the great generosity of our confreres for the Mission in the world.



P. Mario Abzalón A. Tovar, MSC



<u>VISIT TO NORTH GERMAN</u> PROVINCE

Arriving at Hilltrup was very significant for me. Since the beginning of my missionary vocation I have heard about it. In the encounter with our older MSC brothers in the community language was not a barrier, and we achieved a heart-to-heart connection. I had deep conversations with those who had been at the service of the mission for so many years, in PNG, Peru and Germany. My visit to our confreres from India living in Germany, who are working to keep alive the missionary flame, was also strengthening for me. The contact with the people in our parish in Oberhausen and the experience of meeting the many migrants in Duisburg, showed me that the mission is alive and well.

The community of Homburg was very welcoming and again I saw here how the lay foundations are keeping alive the charism. I found this very hopeful. In the MSC community of Münster we shared a moment of reflection on the present and future of our congregation.

There I was impressed with "Johannesburg" which is a center giving attention to young people and children in difficulty. I admired the fact that since 1913 this "Center of Life" has helped and built the pierced hearts of so many young people and children, for whom life has been very hard. The Center is immense, which made me value highly the MSC who have dedicated their lives for more than a hundred years here.

The road that awaits this province in the future, is not easy. However, we trust that soon in their Provincial Chapter they will be able to make a good process of discernment, so that the Missionary Spirit continues to be a prophetic presence in Germany.

P. Mario Abzalón A. Tovar, MSC









VISIT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PROVINCE

As usual, the Province of the Dominican Republic met for a week for its Formation Assembly, which took place between April 16 and 20, 2018, and at the conclusion of this gathering the Provincial Assembly celebrated the election of a new Provincial Superior.









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work on the theme of Leadership Religious Life. Four days were devoted to intensely reflection, discuss and propose new directions for the province. and valuable contribution of the MSC working here. special highlight this occasion was the commitment of all MSC in their active participation in the week of the assembly. On Friday, after the formation week, the members of the Dominican Province celebrated the election Father Juan Rodriguéz (better known Juanito) as their new provincial, beginning

The formation meeting

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of Tereza), who came to

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I took the opportunity in the Dominican Republic to visit some MSC communities, as well as all the formation houses in the city of Santo Domingo and Santiago, and in Haiti in the city of Port-au -Prince. The Province has four houses of formation: the Aspirancy (in the City of Santiago) has four aspirants this year; the Postulancy and Pre-Novitiate (in the city of Santo Domingo) has five formandi; the Postulancy (in the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti) has six postulants; and the Novitiate (in the city of Santiago) welcomes five novices this year - two from Peru, one from Central America, one from Colombia and one from Haiti.

With both the formandi and formators we had moments of reflection on our formation in MSC life, and also moments of relaxation where I had the opportunity to live a little with the future of our Congregation, encouraging them to take seriously this formation time to be available to the mission everywhere as MSC.

Thanks to the Province of the Dominican Republic who welcomed me with kindness and great brotherhood. We thank each of the confreres in different areas, with their different works, but with a single heart.

P. Humberto Henriques, MSC



EUROPEAN MSC FORMANDI MEETING



With the excitement and the feeling of coming back to what has been our home, in one of the most important moments in the life of every religious - the novitiate - Daniel, Domenico, Giacomo, Piotr and I, together with Francesco, the pre-novice from the Italian Province, and Benjamin and Mark, the current novices gathered together in the first week of Easter in the context of the MSC in Formation Youth Gathering. The opening lines of the song which was the official Hymn of Sydney's WYD in 2009 could sum up very well the nature of this meeting: "Every nation, Every Tribe, come together, to worship you" "In your presence we delight in your mercy and unfailing love". Indeed, without considering the General Administration, represented by Fr. Humberto, from Brazil, six provinces were present (Ireland, Italy, South-German/ Austria, France, United States and Spain) and nine nationalities (Irish, Italian,



Polish, Slovakia, Benin (Africa), English, Franch, American and German). Accompanied by some of the formators and Provincials, who had their own meeting on Thursday that week, we had the opportunity of re-encountering each other, meeting each other for the first time and sharing the two essential tables in any family, especially religious - the table of the liturgy and the table of food and drink. These were the central moments of the day: Lauds, Mass and Vespers in common and the fraternal conversation after enjoying the meal supplied by the Myross Wood friendly staff.

Apart from the sharing of bread and of prayer, and from the happy reencounter with the parishioners who accompanied and prayed for and with us during the novitiate we had the



opportunity to listen to two inputs. The first one was a reflection from Fr. Marcus Klemens, in charge of formation and secretary of the PEC until September, about the situation of the congregation in Europe within the context of the universality and expansion of our congregation and the increasingly interprovincial cooperation which has resulted in several international projects and communities. The second one, from Fr. Humberto, from the General House, reminded us what the documents of Valladolid had to say on formation while reminding us through a PowerPoint presentation of essential elements of our spirituality and on how we can live it in the current reality of our world.

Previously, the first two days we had the opportunity to share among ourselves and with the novices and prenovices how we have been living these first steps in religious life, explaining briefly our experiences in coming back to studies and the pastoral experience some of us have been participating in as part of our internal formation. The novices showed us a presentation about the novitiate up until now and Francesco shared with us his experience during the last six months in the community of Piazza Navona and the steps that brought him to the Chevalier Family. We also had time to discuss among ourselves in groups some issues which we considered to be important for our present and future MSCs in Europe: 1. "Vocations promotion and support"; 2: "where do we see our ministry in 10-20 years"; 3: "How to live with the preceding generations" and; 4: "How to live and transmit our spirituality in the 21st century".

The evenings were reserved for leisure and social activities organized by the novices, including a meal out together and a quiz night, having the chance as well to make short trips to the nearby area taking advantage of the relatively mild lrish spring. On Thursday we came back to Dublin from which on Friday everybody returned to their places of origin, like before but different, tired, but happy to reencounter together the Risen Christ in our particular Galilee (Mk 16, 7-8), in our European Novitiate of Myross Wood.

Jaime Rosique, MSC (Post-Novitiate - Spain Province)

A VISIT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ISSOUDUN

The week of April 20-27th I went to visit the international community that ministers in the parish of St Cyr (including an area of 40 villages) and in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. The MSC community is composed of the team that has been at work since September 1st, 2017 and the other confreres who are helping them. The community is under the authority of the General Superior, according to the Charter signed on December 4th, 2016.

The week with the community gave an opportunity to have conversations with Emerson, Gabriel, Sebastian, Martin and Jongki and the other members of the community and to take part in some activities of the team. On Thursday I had the joy of meeting the Vicar General of Bourges and at noon Mgr Maillard, the Archbishop, joined us for lunch. After lunch over coffee we went on with our sharing in the presence of the provincial, Fr. Auguié, and the Superior of the community, Fr. Blattmann. In June Mgr Maillard will leave office. I became aware how much he values the pastoral work of our confreres and the important benefit of their presence in Issoudun. On Saturday 29th we got news that Archbishop Emeritus Mgr Plateau died at the age of 95. He too had a warm heart for the MSC. After an evening of socialising with all the community and before the rising of the new day Fr. Daniel Auguié drove me to Orly airport. A more in depth evaluation is programmed for the first week of October. The team will have by that time the experience of a full year's pastoral work and a season of pilgrimages. Dear confreres, thank you for your kind hospitality and all your sharing. We hope that our project may



P. André Claessens, MSC

FORMATOR MEETING IN YAOUNDÉ

On May 4th, early in the morning, Fathers Humberto and André left the General House for the airport with the final destination of Yaounde, the capital of Cameroon, where they took part in



the formators meeting of the UAF. Humberto it was his first time to visit From the Democratic Republic of Africa. Congo came one of the leaders of the Prenovitiate and the Novice Master. From Dakar (Senegal) also came the leader of the Prenovitiate together with the District Superior Fr. Ivon Banackissa, MSC, who is the chairman of the formation committee. We were hosted by the Post-novitiate in Nkolbisson, Fr. Toussaint Iluku. the Union Superior, also took part in our meeting. The meeting ended on Friday 11th May. Before dawn Fr. Banackissa left us to travel to Kinshasa where on Sunday 14th five confreres celebrated their priestly ordination. Fr. Humberto left in the afternoon for Rome where he expected to participate in the 'ad limina' visit of some new provincials. André

stayed on for another week to be able to finish the visit of the confreres he started in March, after the conference with the superiors of the Union. The confreres living in the North (Bourrha - Maroua) will have to wait till next year. In the four formation communities are living forty young men coming from seven countries with a team of ten formators. A huge handicap on having more frequent meetings, is the big distance between the countries and the expensive travel cost. Fr. Bruno Kuen, Novice Master this year, told us that his ticket from Kinshasa to Yaounde was as expensive as the ticket from Salzburg (Austria) to Sydney (Australia)! All together the meeting was a week of befriending and rich sharing about the life in our formation houses and the joys and sorrows of formators working often in difficult circumstances.

P. André Claessens, MSC





AD LIMINA VISITS

On Friday, 13 April, 2018. Frs. Germaan Van Muylder, Theo te Wierik. Herman Joseph Johny Luntungan and Daniel Auguié arrived in Rome for their Ad Limina visits. During the following week they met with General Council, the the



Provinces, better informed and connected with the MSC international community.

On May 12, Fr. Paco Blanco arrived from Spain for his Ad Limina visit. The following day, Frs. Edvaldo

Secretary General, Bursar, Archivist, Postulator and Procurator, to be briefed on the various responsibilities and obligations of their office. They shared information on the situation of their Provinces with



days to overcome jet lag. They also attended the mandatory meetings, social hours, prayers and daily Masses with the local community. Like the other two previous visits, the Provincials and General Council celebrated a Mass together and later an enjoyable meal in a local restaurant one evening. Chris returned to Australia on June 2. Carl flew back to Ireland on June 5. John stayed until June 22 as he attended a workshop at the Anglophone Conference which was held at the

Fr. John Willio arrived

arrived

from Papua New Guinea on

May 23 after several long

flights. Fr. Carl Tranter flew in

from Ireland on May 23. Fr.

Sunday, May 27. They began

Monday, May 28 after several

their Ad Limina visits

Chris McPhee



the General Council. On Wednesday of that week, Fr. John Mitakda led them on a visit to the Papal audience and other sites, and later in the evening they gathered with the local community for a social hour. They left Rome on April 20, returning to their respective

Rosa de Mendonça and Joaquin Herrera flew into Fiumicino airport for their Ad Limina visits. Edvaldo flew in Sao Paolo. Brazil. from Joaquin flew in from Guatemala. They also met with the General, his Council and the other General staff. They managed to fit in a day of visits around Rome and an evening with the local community. Paco and Edvaldo left Rome on May 18. Joaquin stayed a few more days to enjoy Roman culture and flew back to Central America on May 22.



Gregorian University from the 18 - 21 of June. He was appointed to attend this Conference by the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and Solomon Islands. The theme was on Safeguarding minors and was hosted by PNG and Australia.

P. Mike Miller, MSC

<u>International Conference</u> CONSECRATIO ET CONSECRATIO PER EVANGELICA CONSILIA Reflections, Still-Open Issues, Possible Pathways

The International Conference organized by the Dicastery of Congregation for The Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, was held on 3 – 6 May 2018 at the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome. There were about six hundred members of the diverse forms of Consecrated Life (Ordo Virginum, Religious Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life, Secular Institutes and New Forms, Associations and Movements) involved in the reflection regarding certain issues which were identified during the Seminar held before by the same Dicastery.

The conference aimed to understand better who we are as consecrated persons with our own specific charism and spirituality in today's Church and Society, through inputs, reflection, dialogue, and sharing of the participants.

The *first* part of this meeting consisted of inputs on the biblical aspect (by Sr. Nuria Calduch-Benages, MN), the theological aspect (by Fr. José Christo Rey Garcia Paredes, CMF) and the



juridical aspect (by Fr. Sebastiano Paciolla. O.Cist). As part of these inputs we also met with the Pope in a special audience held at Paul VI Hall in the Vatican. On this occasion the Pope gave his important three "P" advice for religious men and women: Poverty Prayer, and Patience.

The *second* part consisted

of group meetings to discuss and share in small groups the experience of religious life. These were guided by several vital parameters focused on the relation of consecrated life with the world, the mission, the fraternal life, the Charism and Spirituality, with originality, and with canon law.

For the future of the Consecrated Life as God's gift for the Church and the World, this conference suggested some still-open issues:

- Consecrated Life can't be defined solely with the profession of the evangelical counsels, but also in its connection with: fraternal life, mission, interior life, vocation and prophecy.
- We can't speak any more of 'special' consecration, or 'more radical' consecration, but the 'specific' consecration which, because of its fidelity to its origins and its prophetic mission, ought to be on the frontiers of the Kingdom.
- The male-female reciprocity is part of everyday life.
- Consecration and the specific way of discipleship need to be linked more closely.
- To give again meaning to the vows in a perspective of relationship with the Other and with the others, as a way to humanize the meaning of the vows.
- We need to promote a formation model which helps the persons to mature and live fully instead of depriving them of the 'normality'.
- We need a better understanding of appreciating and strengthening of intercultural relationships in living the mission, fraternity, interiority and formation.

Maybe there are no new issues but this conference at least helped the participants to be always aware of their specific vocation and to be open to the situation of today's Church and Society in which the Consecrated Life is looking for an updated meaning and its proper place.

"SEDOS" MEETING

SEDOS (Service of Documentation and Study on Global Mission) is a forum open to Institutes of Consecrated Life, which commit themselves to deepening their understanding of global mission. It encourages research and disseminates information through its Bulletin and Homepage, annual Residential Seminar, public conferences, and workshops.

The 2018 SEDOS RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR was held at ARICCIA (near Rome), 30 April – 4 May, with the theme of YOUTH and MISSION. Attending the Seminar with me was Alan Neville, MSC, Vocations Director of the Irish Province, Willy Mendez, MSC and Juan Molina, MSC who work in vocations and youth ministry in the Spanish Province.

The seminar input included youth culture especially Generation Y, generativity in religious vocations, internationality and youth, evangelization by those aflame with a personal relationship with Jesus, and a very interesting Vocational Statistical Survey. Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri spoke on the 2018 Synod on Youth.

The MSC participants considered their time together to be a significant benefit. We took time apart each day to talk together about what we were hearing and to explore directions we might take following the seminar. We valued networking with other religious congregations, sharing our approaches to youth and vocations, and gaining some grasp of the different paradigm out of which youth live. We see the need to evolve the language of our spirituality and charism so that it might touch the lived realities of young people's lives. We stopped to listen and respond to how the Spirit is calling us through these realities.

Some significant questions the seminar raised included; The Gospel and our youth call us to radical change and to go to the bare roots. Change has to have a vision for it to be effective. What is our relationship with change? How do we deal with fragility personally and institutionally? What confidence do we have in the young? What is the use of ten years in

formation if we cannot live our different realities with harmony and respect together? We are called to a collective prophecy, that begins with Kerygma not Catechesis. Are we proactive about vocations? Have we created vocation teams? Do we use media for vocation promotion? What will youth meet once they come in through our door, as our face to face companioning of them is essential? What sacrifices are we willing to make in order to ensure future vocations?

We discerned the Spirit saying "Get Moving!" and heard this as an encouragement to move quickly and with energy. We hope to gather those working in vocational teams and with youth to map out a distinctive MSC way of vocational discernment based on the Spirituality of the Heart.

P. Chris Chaplin, MSC





LOVE OF OUR COMMON HOME: THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART AND LAUDATO SI'

There is a beautiful thought of Fr. Jules Chevalier that points to the immanence of God's love in creation: "Already in matter, there is a sort of knowledge, a beginning of love. In the atmosphere and in the water, these thousands of varieties of animals know one another, love one another: a first draft, a first outline, perfect in itself,

wonderful. entrancing..." (Le 🛚 Sacré Coeur, p. 62). This / profound insight of the Founder implies particular emphasis on our moral 1 responsibility to care for the environment, our common home. because God's love is

manifested in the whole

of His creation. Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' emphasizes our moral responsibility to care for the earth, our *home*. What is happening is indeed alarming: climate change, global warming, rising sea level, stronger typhoons, severe flash floods, shortage of drinking water, etc.. These have become grave threats to everyone on this planet especially the poor and the underprivileged. What brings us into this state of the environment is the fact that what we do, our human activities, affect gravely the land, water, air and different types and forms of biological life that make up our planet's whole ecosystem. Numerous varieties of animal and plant species are heading towards extinction because forests, grasslands, wetlands and aquatic ecosystems are mindlessly degraded or destroyed.

The ecological crisis challenges us to make a reassessment of our understanding of ourselves, our relationship with one another and the We environment. have to take into account our values and lifestyle. relational and moral choices view of preserving the planet. We need the Spirituality of the Heart to reorient ourselves towards forming right relationships not

non-human species in the ecosystem.

Living out the Spirituality of the Heart would lead us to nurture the human community and the environment. We can live sustainably by living simply. To live simply is to unburden ourselves from the preoccupation of *having more* to *being more*. Simplicity is not to be understood as living with less than what we need to flourish but to live with balance in order to find a life of greater purpose and fulfillment with each other and with the environment.

among ourselves but also with the



Sustainable living in the light of the Spirituality of the Heart demands that the pattern of our relationship be anchored on love. Love of our common home requires significant changes of attitudes and values; it requires an ecological conversion. Ecological conversion is about seeking harmony with other human beings in the community and with the environment because it is what God intends for all of His creation. To be in harmony is not to take what is due for others especially from the poor who have less access to earth's resources; it is not to take more from what the environment can replenish.

Laudato Si reminds us that all life-forms on this planet constitute the great interconnected and interdependent system (Nos. 70, 92, 111, 138, 240). Damaging one part of the system affects the whole. To be able to live sustainably for the present and future generations, we should conserve the existing life-support systems so that the planet will continually nourish life. We conserve biodiversity in which a variety of species and other organisms are being protected because they are all components of our life support system. We ensure the right use of renewable sources of the environment that includes soil, wind, forests, marine and freshwater ecosystems.

Love of our common home ultimately boils down to personal responsibility. Every person can make a small or great effort that could nourish or damage the community and the environment. Each person has the moral responsibility to nurture communal and environmental sustainability. This has to be emphasized in our different ministries as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, especially in our time.

To that end. the we say that environmental problems we have at the present are contrary to God's will. We have failed our role as caretakers - as stewards - of one another and of God's creation. We have broken the bond that God has created between us and the environment. What is required is a change of heart that should start with the recognition that everything owes its existence to God. Laudato Si' strongly admonishes us: "We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us." (No. 67).

The sad state of the environment demands that we love God by loving His creation, not to abuse it as if we own it, and to love our neighbor especially the poor who suffer much from the effects of the environmental destruction.

We have to identify ways to change our core values and paradigms so that the bond could be restored and a meaningful, fulfilling relationship with one another and the environment would happen. In striving to fulfill our role as morally responsible stewards, we have to live out the Spirituality of the Heart to care for one another especially the poor and the environment. That constitutes our mission too, at the present time.

Fr. Abundio 'Jay-Ar' Babor, MSC Philippine Province

ERECTION OF THE MSC PROVINCE OF KOREA



Thanks be to God, a generous benefactor donated a good size of land in Kanghwa, where we decided to put up our main House of Formation because of its proximity to the Incheon Catholic University where our seminarians could go for their priestly education. Most of our young priests studied in this seminary.

And now, the celebration in Kanghwa (April 28, 2018) was very joyful, successful and memorable for indeed a new Province is born: the MSC KOREA PROVINCE. The whole MSC congregation over the world rejoices in this important historical event, very especially the MSC Korea Province

members, the Philippine Province and the Dutch Province.

His Excellency, Bishop John Baptist Jung Shin-Chul of Incheon Diocese officiated the Solemn Mass of thanksgiving for the Erection of the Korea MSC Province as well as the blessing and dedication of the Church named after Our Lady of the Sahcred Heart. This Church is beautifully designed, massively constructed and well situated on a hilltop. His Excellency was very happy and grateful for having been invited to preside over these two important MSC historical events. There were many priests who concelebrated, several religious brothers and many religious sisters present; and very many MSC Lay Associates (Chevalier Family Members) who graced the occasion. Over 500 persons were present in the Church. It was indeed a Eucharistic festive celebration for all those present.

Our special tribute of love and appreciation goes to Fr. Pedro Arguillas and Fr. Danilo Ceniza who returned to the Creator prior to this important event. Heaven and earth know very well what great things they had done. It is our hope and prayer that our MSC Korean priests, brothers and Lay Associates, led by the new Provincial Superior, Rev. Fr. Matthew Park, MSC and his Council members, will continue to announce and spread the love, peace and compassion of Jesus through the "Spirituality of the Heart" not only in Korea but also hopefully in other countries, at the same time proclaim the much needed care, defense and protection of environment and nature of Mother Earth.

Raymundo T. Sabio, MSC – Prefect Apostolic Emeritus, Marshall Islands (former msc in Korea)



Presbyteral Ordenation

On 26th May (Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart), 2018 Fr. Rataro Raimon and Fr. Taaia Tawaia was ordained priests by Bishop Paul Mea, Bishop of Tarawa & Nauru at Nonouti, Kiribati.



Presbyteral Ordenation

On May 5th, 2018, John Fong was ordained a priest by Most Reverend Peter Loy Chong, Archbishop of Fiji at Notre-Dame-de-l'Assomption Parish, Lomary, Fiji.



Presbyteral Ordenation

On May 13th, five MSCs were ordained in Congo (Africa) at the parish of St. Mary Help of Christians by Fridolin Ambongo, archbishopcoadjutor of Kinshasa

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We also congratulate the confreres who have made their perpetual profession in several countries!

