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

It is time to celebrate. In all parts of the world, people of different religions and traditions celebrate the light. Our eyes are filled with the radiance of the lights and hearts that carry the hope that does not disappoint (Rom 5:5), look for reasons to continue.

Jesus, the frail child in the manger, tells us that he has come to take us out of darkness and give us new life. His beginning of life, full of difficulties and, at the same time, full of hope, tells us that in the midst of darkness, the light will always shine.

After a very profound time of darkness with the pandemic of COVID-19, we are beginning to see a small light through the vaccine, which is a sign that God continues to work in human hearts and science to offer us remedies against death. In the same way, we have no doubt that the Lord continues to work in our hearts to combat and overcome so many other pandemics, such as climate change, hunger, immigration, the pandemic of all forms of exclusion and prejudice that takes away from us the opportunity to be one (Jn 17:11).

In this last Bulletin of the year 2021 you are invited to look beyond the words and see our MSC



light shine through. More than just information, we want to enlighten everyone with so many reports of important things happening out there. And we know that this Newsletter is just a snapshot that shows the size of our mission spread across the 50 countries where we are present.

Read it, enjoy it and become a ray of light in the great MSC beam that illuminates the world from the Heart of the Son of God. Our Leadership Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and an enlightened New Year!

Good reading!

| *Humberto Henriques, MSC*

Accompaniment to the MSC Province of Belgium



Provincial and Council of the Province of Belgium

After participating in the NSSC Parish of Borgerhout in the celebration of the 100 years of foundation of the Belgian MSC Province, which was already shared in the previous General Bulletin, the General Team accompanied the Province.

While at the MSC Provincial House in Borgerhout, we had the opportunity to participate in a Provincial Council meeting. We were able to listen to the challenges that the present reality presents to our confreres in Belgium. As you all know Belgium is among the group of Provinces facing the challenges posed by advanced age of their members, the shortage of vocations and a strong secularisation in society. For us, as the General Team, this was a great opportunity to LISTEN and accompany the leadership team of the Province in such complex situations.

For Humberto and I it was very meaningful to have the opportunity to get to know the birthplace and mission of Andre Claessens, a member of our Team. We were able to visit and share with the people and places where he has lived the mission in the years before coming to Rome. This is part of the building up of our General Team as well.

Then we had the opportunity to spend a full

day with our confreres who have a missionary presence in Brussels, two MSC Congolese from the UAF and one from Belgium. There are not enough words to express what we witnessed: the MSC in the very heart of Brussels are undertaking an incredibly wonderful and challenging mission. They accompany many migrants, especially from Africa, as well as many people without a home, without a job, without opportunities. People who practically live on the streets and who are victims of the unjust and exclusionary socio-economic system we live in today. We could feel how the missionary spirit is present in the apostolic ministries that take place in the five churches where our confreres LISTEN, accompany and celebrate with so many people from all over the city. Likewise the service that offers food, clothing, legal advice, etc., to the most needy; and this every day. There the Church - temple - has a human and humanising face. It is truly an admirable mission. The enthusiasm of our MSC confreres for this mission reminds us all that the mission is still alive, and that the call to be the Heart of God on earth is still valid.



Working with migrants in the centre of Brussels

The next day was the opportunity to visit the new FDNSC house in Rumst, about 20 km from Borgerhout. It is a place full of dedicated missionary life and experiences spent with love in mission. The FDNSC have prepared this place as a retirement house for the elderly and/or handicapped sisters and brothers.

At the moment, five MSC confreres live there. Two of them have serious health limitations. But as has happened to me on other occasions, after sharing with older confreres, those who visit come away fuller of life by being close to witnesses who have been MSC religious for 60 or 70 years. The FDNSC Sisters have welcomed us admirably and there is a wonderful reciprocal relationship between the two congregations. Thanks to the FDNSC Sisters.

Then it was time to LISTEN and share with the new MSC International Community, four colleagues from Belgium, Cameroon, Fiji and India. ¡¡¡¡¡ multiculturality in vivo !!!!! This international community is in a process of co-construction and co-creation of a community project that seeks to respond to the challenges of the current reality in Belgium. One of its members is also the chaplain of the French-speaking African communities in Borgerhout. I felt a lot of enthusiasm and missionary spirit among its members. I can say with great hope that in the midst of the four of them, the presence of Jesus, who makes

everything new, was very strong. It takes a lot of courage to take up new challenges, to be transforming and renewing presences in a secularised society, with many immigrants and spaces where there is a need for inclusion and closeness to all kinds of diversity in Belgian society. This community is a breath of fresh air for our MSC province of Belgium, especially if it is lived and built from its vulnerability. The road ahead is long, it needs prayer and discernment, a lot of accompaniment and good facilitation strategies. The four members are very willing and open to "unlearn" and therefore to grow. They need our prayers and support so that the missionary project can take root like new wine in new wineskins.

Thank you to the confreres of the Borgerhout community for their welcome and their missionary witness. Thank you also to the laity of the "Open Heart" Chevalier Family who continue to make the MSC Charism live in the different environments and spaces of life.

All of you, lay people and MSC religious, have made us feel at home. Good luck to all of you and, once again, congratulations on a hundred years of missionary history.



International community in Belgium

| Abzalón A. Tovar, MSC

'JUSTICE IN THE WORLD'

"Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel"
(JW, #6)



This contribution to the General Bulletin is written while in Glasgow the COP26 is coming to an end. It is still too early to write something about its outcome. Other media will do so in the coming days. Let us first pay attention to a few other facts and concerns.

Many of our confreres may not be aware that 50 years ago Saint Pope Paul VI convoked a Bishops' Synod with the theme *Justice in the world (JW)*. It was like a starting shot for a worldwide Church commitment to bring more justice into our world because Gods children were suffering. By asking for the creation in all dioceses, and in religious congregations JP commissions, together with a Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (with Card. Etchegaray at its head), the synod and the Pope wanted to implement that deep biblical faith conviction that peoples' lives matter. Aren't we created in Gods' image and likeness? A few years later Saint Pope John Paul II, in his first encyclical letter *Redemptor Hominis*, gave a boost to our concern about human rights. As a Church we can't just stand at the sideline and look how human rights are downtrodden by political regimes, international unjust trade structures, etc.

For 50 years we have read the same message in our MSC documents about Justice and Peace. In the 1980s the focus was extended to the safeguarding or integrity of creation and the commissions became JPIC. Many MSC entities created their own commission and in some countries it became an instrument for reflection and action of the whole Chevalier Family. It would be interesting if a younger confrere could pick up this subject and highlight how inspiring and life giving this commitment was. Please, read urgently chapter 2 of our Constitutions.

In some countries confreres ended up in prison because of their commitment or "*Trusting in God's grace, we will be ready, if necessary, to lay down our lives for them*". Our confreres did so in Guatemala and Nicaragua ... Once upon a time we had in the Generalate an office with Fr. Gene Sabio as JP promotor. At the last General Conference it was recommended to establish a JPIC commission for the whole Congregation. Now it is up to me to find out how this can be implemented in the near future. Any suggestions ?

With the Chevalier Family we have taken the initiative to promote our First Friday as a prayer and action day where we focus on JPIC. Years ago Fr. Alfred Bour (+23.09.2021), in his thesis, made the connection between the idea of reparation (CS, 16) and our commitment for JPIC. Last year we focused on actions inspired by *Laudato Si*, this year we have been using the work of Fr. Hans Kwakman to link explicitly *LS* and our spirituality. Next year we'll do the same with *Fratelli Tutti* using **Facebook**, **Instagram**, our new website www.ametur-msc.org

In my JPIC letters (already 17) I have mentioned several times the "*Laudato Si Action Platform*" and the 7 years enrollment promoted by the Dicastery of Integral Human Development (former Pontifical Council JPIC). Many Orders, Congregations, Schools, Parishes etc. have joined the movement. As **Chevalier Family** we joined the platform this month, MSC, MSC -Sisters, OLSH and Lay-MSc published the Declaration and all entities received the necessary documents. You can find more information on our website. In this season of advent say generously YES and join us. Welcome.

WHAT I HAVE I GIVE TO YOU—FRENCH CHAPTER



From 18 to 24 October the Province of FRANCE SWITZERLAND celebrated its Chapter which had been postponed twice because of the pandemic of COVID. It was attended by 17 MSCs and Fr. André CLAESSENS, delegate of Fr. General

The theme was the words of Peter to the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple: "I have neither gold nor silver, but what I have I give you". In a spirit of listening and sharing, we were able to discover what each of us can give to the service of the MISSION.

Three major themes emerged and allowed us to formulate the orientations for the next three years. The future of our presence in Issoudun, the place where the Congregation was founded. The visibility of the MSC in France/Switzerland by means of the ANNALS, the WEBSITE (social networks), the VOCATIONS MINISTRY. The MSC in mission in Europe.

Here are the other themes of the complementary orientations taken by the CHAPTER: The members of the "Chevalier Family" - JPIC (JUSTICE PEACE INTEGRITY OF CREATION) - The protection of minors and vulnerable persons - Taking into account

the health and ageing of the confreres - The revision of the provincial statutes which organise life and mission in France/Switzerland.

On 21 October, the anniversary of the death of the Servant of God Jules CHEVALIER, we elected Fr. Daniel AUGUIÉ for a second mandate of three years as provincial.

All the members of the Chapter were happy with this fraternal experience which allowed us to regain courage for the mission in spite of the declining context of Europe. Our hope remains very much alive. More than ever, we want to be "THE HEART OF GOD ON EARTH".



CHAPITRE 2021



| Daniel Auguié, MSC (French Province)

FIRST STAGE OF THE INITIAL FORMATION ACCOMPANIMENT PROCESS

After a long preparation together with the members of the General Council, last May we began the first stage of the MSC Initial Formation Accompaniment Programme. We understand this process as a journey from Ego to Eco, or, in other words, "A new formative paradigm, from Ego to Eco", with the aim of perceiving ourselves as an ecosystem and being able to glimpse our greatest possibilities for the future of our Initial Formation.

In this first moment, called "CO-INITIATE", we had the opportunity to speak individually with almost 90 MSC formators and then to speak with the

group of formators of each entity (Provinces and Unions), together with their superior. Despite all the limitations of virtual meetings, we can say that we reaped real fruit of the spirit through an empathetic and generative listening, where we became aware of the pressing need for greater interaction among us, in order to carry out this fundamental mission which is formation.

There was unanimous agreement that we need to walk together and see ourselves as a true ecosystem. The request of our founder not to allow ourselves to be called missionaries of Issoudun, but Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, invites us to synodality which, as has been said elsewhere, is the true meaning of being Church.

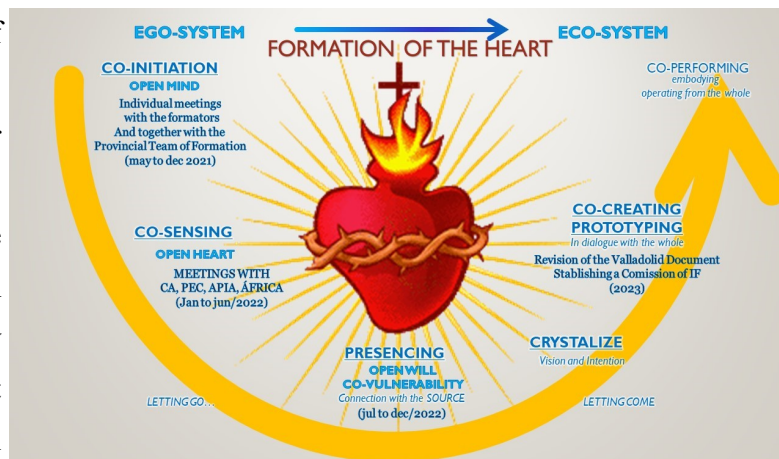
In this first stage we were able to confront our potentialities, which are numerous, but also our

vulnerabilities. The dedication which characterises the mission of each formator fills us with pride. We really have people offering the best of themselves for the mission, because they believe that our future depends on the quality of the accompaniment offered in our Houses of Formation.

We have also touched our weak points or, to speak, our blind spots. We ask ourselves and reflect on the results we are producing in a formation which nobody wants anymore, or which no longer make sense for this new time. Many serious questions arise and we need courage and willingness

to face them. Most of the content of these first conversations will become an Instrumentum Laboris. This material will be sent to all formators and superiors so that

we can move forward in the process. The second stage, which begins in February next year, will be "CO-SENSING": an invitation to look at this reality of Initial Formation and to feel together, to place ourselves in the process as part of the whole, leaving behind the idea that formation is limited to my way, to my province, to my country and to ask ourselves about what no longer responds to this time so that we can, in the third stage, "CO-PRESENCING", embrace what is asking to be born. As part of the programme, we also intend to talk to some graduates so that they too can feel part of the process.



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We expect that next year will be a busy one for us. We have the idea of gathering the formators of each region (CA-MSc, APIA, AFRICA and EUROPE) in order to interpret this material and envision the journey, as well as gathering the Novice Masters. After these meetings, we hope to elect a Commission that will be responsible for the next projects, the possible International Meeting of Formators and the updating of our Valladolid

Document, which will be 30 years old in 2022.

I take this opportunity to thank the effort of each formator and each provincial formation team in this first stage. Within the vocation to MSC Religious Life, we find a specific vocation which is that of accompanying, forming, helping the youngest to discern their vocation. May the Heart of Jesus help us to form new Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, ready for mission everywhere!



PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN BELGIUM



From 25 to 28 October the provincial chapter (postponed several times because of Covid) was held in the provincial house in Borgerhout. There were 14 voting participants. After hearing the reports of the confreres in the field, the assembly had a frank exchange of views. Among the important orientations formulated for the new provincial government was the realisation that the provincial house has become too expensive to maintain for the few confreres living there. It is urgent to find a solution. Therefore, the confreres are encouraged to enter in due course the flats that would be made available in the new retirement house built by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Heart in Rumst. There was also a meeting of the chapter members with the 4 members of the intercultural MSC community that is finding its way in

Antwerp.


Herman COOREMAN (elected on 15 July) wrote: « We have often been reminded of the past and of the questions that were not answered, with dilatory answers that gave little hope. Our numbers and our forces continue to diminish. As a result, the living environment that once gave us joy and reassurance has become a burden. Our cloak has become too big, it has been said; it no longer provides warmth. We still live in a world that God loves, but we are not of that world. But we want to continue to bring a message of hope, love and faith. To God, we are not old; to Him, a thousand years is like a day. He still expects a lot from us; He still expects us to go on our way to achieve all that we have done with love and dedication together for more than a century, not without falling, but rising again. »


| André Claessens, MSC


- MSC Statistics 2021 -

GENERAL FIGURES MSC

	1534 Members
	21 Bishops
	1130 Priests
	140 Brothers
	243 Temporary and Perpetual Vows
	490 Formandi in total
	49 Deceased in 2021

 **50** present in countries

 **21** Provinces
2 Unions
2 Regions

 **52** Formation Houses

MEMBERS PER PROVINCE/UNION/REGION

EUROPE

37 North German
36 South German/Austria
39 Belgium
29 Spain
36 France
82 Ireland
24 Italy
32 Netherlands

AMERICAS

15 Canada
33 Centroamerica and Mexico
28 Curitiba
44 USA
18 Region of Peru
55 Dominican Republic
36 Rio de Janeiro
55 São Paulo

ASIA-PACIFIC

126 Australia
82 Indian Union
332 Indonesia
98 Philippines
110 Papua New Guinea
11 Region of Japan
48 Pacific Islands
32 South Korea

AFRICA

106 Union of French-speaking Africa (UAF)
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CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH KOREAN PROVINCE



The Chapter of Korean Province, begun with the Opening Mass on October 25th. It finished in the love of God and prayers from many people with Mass on the 29th.

The Chapter was held in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Gangwha Island, one and a half hours from the main house in Seoul. Most of the members of the province who are working either in or outside Korea were present in a hybrid form,

with both face-to-face attendance and/or using the Zoom platform online. The delegates from Lay MSC groups were invited and made their presentations on the main theme on the fourth day of the Chapter. Fr. Chris Chaplin, MSC, attended important sessions every day from Rome, on behalf of the General Leadership.

“The challenge and the hope of Korean MSC in the Post-Corona Era” was the title of the Chapter, and it was thoroughly studied and talked about by all members of the province. In order for this to be accomplished effectively, the Korean Administration supplied resources about the main theme to each regional group and all committees in advance, such as simplified questions and presentations about the Post-Corona Era from experts in that field. The main topics discerned by the Chapter assembly included Formation, Public Relations, Social Welfare, Finance, Mission, JPIC, and Laity. There were a few revisions of the Province Statues and local Directories of the young province.

Father Benedict Ko, MSC, was re-elected as Provincial Superior, and will be beginning his second term from 8th December, our Foundation Day, with the four council members nominated by him and elected at Chapter, Fr. Ireneo Lee, Fr. Paul Yang, Fr. Andrea Seo, and Fr. Michael Cho. Father Richard Kim was elected as the Delegate of the Korean Province to attend the next General Chapter in 2023.

| Richard Kim, MSC
(Province of South Korea)

THE SECOND INDIAN UNION CHAPTER

The second chapter of the Indian Union began on the 25th of October 2021 at Portiuncula, the Franciscan Renewal Centre situated in a historical city of south India, Mysore. The theme selected for the chapter was 'United We Serve'. There were 26 delegates as participants and the facilitator was Br. Philip Pinto CFC (a former Superior General of the Christian Brothers). Fr. Thatheus Darwin MSC, the

mission to spread the Charism. He advocated for every member to set aside fears and place complete trust and confidence in the Lord in order to have proper sight and insight. After the declaration of the formal opening of the Chapter the delegates had an opportunity to listen to the Superior General Rev. Fr. Abzalón Alvarado Tovar MSC on Zoom. He suggested that the chapter should foster deep



Superior of the Union of India presided over the Holy Eucharist on the inaugural day which was celebrated by the council members of the union. He preached his homily on the gospel passage of Mark 10:46-52. He pointed out the hurdles which blind Bartimaeus had to overcome in his pursuit to receive his sight.

His message at the beginning of the chapter encouraged every delegate to understand the importance of the chapter and the role of each delegate in leading the Union to further pastures of

listening among the members and that they consider this chapter as an occasion for proper discernment. He invited all to understand the prophetic nature of a delegate to promote *synodality* and suggested each one to be responsible and committed as these play key roles in leading to success.

On the second day, the chapter was blessed with the presence of His Grace Rev. K. A William, the bishop of Mysore. His Lordship celebrated the Holy Eucharist and preached sermon on Synodality and the process of making synodality a reality.

Different groups were created among the delegates of the chapter for the smooth functioning of the program and those groups celebrated the Holy Eucharist on the following days in the mornings which introduced each day of the chapter and the same groups animated the prayer sessions during that day. Sports and recreation were also part of the schedule. Various reports such as the Union Superior's report, report on formation, finance, apostolate, JPIC, education, mission office, and vocation recruitment were presented. The facilitator guided the members to delve into the depths of reality in the presented scenario and to make contributions for further discernment. Planning for the near future, financial stability, brotherhood, and stewardship and a clear sense of direction were a few concerns raised by the members.

Discussions and deliberations were made in order to strengthen the connectivity among members and to improve the network of fraternal relationships. Another area which the chapter looked at was the empowerment of members and making each missionary of the Sacred Heart in India equipped to launch a variety of ministries and to welcome future mission opportunities with great confidence and

courage.

Disorientation towards religious life and self-centeredness were pointed out as evils slowly poisoning the vitality of the community life. The need to get connected to nature was also raised and all members were invited to promote an eco-friendly spirituality and a way of life.

Rev. Fr. Chris Chaplin addressed the chapter members on Zoom on the last day. His message was heart-warming and thought-provoking for the young Indian Union to inculcate evangelical spirit and mission. He stressed the need to make 'deep

listening' an integral part of the growth of the Union. He appreciated the Indian Confreres working in various countries and thanked each and every member who was pivotal in making this chapter to be a reality.

The Superior of the Union of India announced the great interest shown by the General administration team to work on the process of making the Union a province in 2023. After thanking everybody Fr. Thatheus Darwin made the declaration of the formal closing of the chapter at the evening session on 29/10/2021.



| Lal Thomas , MSC
(Indian Union)

SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART: RESPONSIBILITY AND VULNERABILITY

By Chris Chaplin, MSC



December is an important month as we celebrate that our life in Christ begins with the Incarnation. We rejoice at the birth of Jesus, who gives his life, and invites us to give ours as he did, without reserve. Like him may we be on earth the Heart of God. The blessings of the Christmas season to you all.

December also marks the beginning of our own history as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. On December 8 we celebrate not only the foundation of our Society but also our mission, which has found expression in innumerable commitments carried out by individual MSC and communities, in almost all corners of the planet. Over the period of the last 167 years more than 7000 finally professed MSC have contributed to this missionary energy, a fact we can acknowledge with deep gratitude and joy.

The responsibility of continuing to add to this extensive missionary energy, is in the hands of every

MSC alive today. While our missionary energy is often channelled into developing infrastructure and institutions, communities, and processes, what significantly remains in the memory of many people is not what we built but who we are as men whose hearts are formed in the heart of Christ.

Jules Chevalier saw that the ‘remedy’ to the *mal modern* was to be found in the heart of Jesus. In our era, as in his, egoism and religious indifference are present, and today particularly, there is an exaggerated deference to ego (often narcissistic) and a profound disconnection from the life of the soul which debilitates and deenergises our task of making meaning. It is not uncommon that people speak of spirituality from an individualistic point of view, missing the connection between spirituality and communion, and spirituality and justice. Our spirituality of the heart, embodied in who we are and how we act, is an especially pertinent remedy for the

world today. It calls us into personal encounter with the heart of God, liberating us from self. It grants us the freedom to be vulnerable with one another, while empowering us to take up the responsibility of service of the common mission.

I read recently, an interesting paper, which discusses pedagogies of responsibility and vulnerability, rooted in the Catholic tradition, as a possible way to form a more resilient faith commitment. In his article, *Teaching the Unteachable or Why Too Much Good Is Bad. Religious Education in Catholic Schools Today*, Didier Pollefeyt (Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium) reflects on the strong disaffiliation from Church and faith that takes place when students leave the Catholic education system. Based on empirical data, he formulates a hypothesis that Catholic schools use a pedagogy that is too much concerned with positive theology and a positive psychology, an approach that does not stand the test when life shows its complexities and vulnerabilities. If you want to read this article you can find it at <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/12/10/810/htm>. Pollefeyt's analysis of the data is, I think, relevant for us and the application of Spirituality of the Heart today.

It is only natural that Spirituality of the Heart emphasises a positive theology and a positive psychology. It's what makes it so attractive. We preach a God of love, in whom our desires and needs are fulfilled and sustained. Our spirituality speaks deeply to the yearnings of a people who long to encounter the compassion and kindness, tenderness and gentleness of a God who deeply cares for them. We celebrate with great joy and gratitude this fact

that God loves us. We would never want to diminish or judge the value of this. But what Pollefeyt points out is that a positive approach is incomplete, if it doesn't offer a pathway for people as they also experience the great 'negative' experience of life; emotional turbulence, periods of spiritual darkness and dryness, years of considerable relationship challenge, disruptive change, or trauma for example. Pollefeyt's research suggests that the emphasis on positive theologies and psychologies, restricts the development of capacity for both responsibility and vulnerability, and this in turn lessens the resilience of a person's faith. When we speak of the loss of responsibility in this case, we include a lessening of the individual's capacity to respond to the realities with which he or she lives, and this diminished capacity impacts maturity, integrity, equanimity and balance. Vulnerability, in this context refers to a person's willingness to be open and available emotionally and spiritually for the other, rather than a destructive process. As Jesus was vulnerable to others in his love to them.

In April this year, between the towns of Cunén and Uspantan in Guatemala, as I stood at the place our confrère Juan Alonso msc was assassinated by the military, I reflected on his words, *"I have the presentiment that I am in danger. I do not want them to kill me, but neither am I willing to abandon these people out of fear. The phrase comes to my mind: "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom 8, 35-37).* What power gives a man the capacity to willingly accept such responsibility and vulnerability?

I think it is easy to say, "well, God gives us the strength", as if it suddenly descends from heaven on demand. Rather, my sense is that it grows in us



as a result of love. Being in love with and being loved by. It is love, and remember God is love, that builds up in us the resilience of faith. Perhaps Pollefeyt's research challenges our formation systems (initial and ongoing) to ensure we resource aspiring and professed members, by building and strengthening resilience, responsibility, and capacity for vulnerability, through close accompaniment through life experiences of darkness, doubt, and absence of God, especially in the face of the limitations and brokenness of their own humanity.

In the paper, "**Spirituality of the Heart: A Process Oriented Approach**", written in preparation for the 2019 General Conference in Korea, Spirituality of the Heart is described as a pilgrimage into *willing vulnerability*. ([https://ongoing-formation.msc-chevalier.org/spirituality-of-the-heart-a-process-](https://ongoing-formation.msc-chevalier.org/spirituality-of-the-heart-a-process-approach/)

[approach/](https://ongoing-formation.msc-chevalier.org/spirituality-of-the-heart-a-process-approach/)) The movements of our Spirituality take us from a superficial level of **Encounter (downloading)**, spaces that are more positive, into the vulnerability of **intimacy** through loving perseverance in the Heart of Jesus and with the heart of other (**empathy**). **Empathy** leads us into kenosis, spaces that are more negative (in terms of absence rather than bad). A *letting go* happens with us and we willingly become vulnerable, as Jesus was willing and able to respond from his vulnerability. This third movement of the heart, called **conversion**, enables us to be **generative**. Our accompaniment of others in this journey implies that we ourselves know and can be with our own darkness and kenosis, and not be in a rush to find more positive feeling spaces. Avoidance of the unpleasant, using positive theologies and psychologies can deaden one's

response-ability and resilience. In a second paper written for the 2021 General Conference, entitled “Change: What to do?”, (<https://ongoing-formation.msc-chevalier.org/change-what-to-do/>) it is clear that this avoidance results in an unfortunate communal co-dependency, that demands responsibility and vulnerability of leaders, but excuses and justifies members, preventing necessary change and growth in our missionary vision and energy. The Holy Father’s call for us to be a synodal people, is a remedy to that co-dependency. Each one called to take up their own responsibility for the life of faith in the church.

The approaching Christmas with all its beauty, consoling images of baby Jesus, peace on earth, and

angelic choirs, would be an incomplete story if it were not inextricably linked to the Passion. So too our Spirituality is more than a positive message of the abundant riches of the Heart of Jesus. It is holistic calling us to deepen our sensitivity to both the presence of God AND the seeming absence of God in our lives and the lives of others. Both pathways are part of humanity’s pilgrimage with God. The Gospel imperative asks us to take up the responsibility of proclaiming the love of God by the witness of our own self-giving, in good times and challenging times. The birth of Jesus reminds us of the acute vulnerability that is the Incarnation, and that this is exactly where God is found – Emmanuel



PEMBA : A SAMARITAN DIOCESE



Dear brothers, I am writing a few lines to express our feelings, our vision and the reality in which we find ourselves again in the mission here in Mozambique, Diocese of Pemba. There have been several setbacks during these almost four years that we will celebrate next March 2022. But it is worth remembering our founder's words: "when God wants a work, obstacles are means".

In fact this is an essential mission, God has given us the opportunity to recreate ourselves in the face of so many setbacks, we have had the opportunity to work with the lay people of our Chevalier family, this means that it is a practical way of the church going out, the joint mission with lay missionaries. We have been through the tropical cyclone and there have been several signs of hope. With the donations that have been sent to help those affected, we have had the opportunity to walk in the midst of terrorism, a reality that leaves the European environment and begins to erupt in African territories.

Today, our greatest challenge is the work in the mission of Meluco. Under the pressure of war, we have taken up the mission again. For almost two years we have encountered many obstacles that have made it impossible to welcome Father Jorge de Oliveira Gonçalves here in Mozambique, both because of documentation and because of the

pandemic. First the government closed the doors for foreigners to enter the country because of the pandemic, and then the doors were closed for new residents. Only in July this year the possibility of new residents entering Mozambique was opened again. That's why it has taken so long for Father Jorge to arrive at the mission, but he was always very excited, very confident to be here in these Mozambican lands.

Our trip was almost a trip around the world, we left São Paulo for Dubai, from Dubai to Tanzania and finally almost 3 days after leaving the South of Minas in Itajubá, we arrived around 15:00 of October 30, in the Mozambican territory. João and Fr. Edegard, Saletine missionaries, and Dona Helena, a lay woman from the Guarulhos/SP diocese, were waiting for us at the airport. In these first 20 days we were guests of the Saletines in Mieze while we established our temporary residence, since we were as yet unable to resume the work directly in Meluco, in the still insecure environment. We went to the headquarters of the mission, met with some leaders of the community and had the opportunity to celebrate with them and present Father Jorge to the community that was thrilled with this news, the community of Meluco was disappointed to know that we could not yet be there together with them at this time.

The bishop asked us to be prudent, not to return to the mission in Meluco, because the war situation is not yet under control, and there is a great fear that the terrorists may kidnap missionaries and foreigners to obtain financial resources with the payment of ransoms, since at the moment they do not have any supplies for their intentions. Due to the closing of the roads that existed as the government retaliated with the help of the army of Rwanda and other countries in the region of southern Africa (SADAC). With the advance of the troops the terrorists have spread throughout the province, some have retreated and others have been killed.

This is the main reason why we cannot resume the mission in Meluco. However, we found in Meluco a community that walks calmly, but always fearful of terrorist attacks. We found our house as we had left it, organized with its things, our

animals: the goats always increasing, the chickens, the dog with puppies. It is a grace from God that our helpers have been zealously looking after the material goods of the mission. I believe this is a good sign of the relationship the missionaries have formed with the community through trust and closeness.

We are, therefore, at the disposal of the diocese, and it was agreed that until the end of the year we will give pastoral help to the parish of Metuge, where there is a large number of displaced people, most of whom are Muslims. Then in January we will re-evaluate the situation, and decide whether we will continue to contribute to Metuge and to some specific pastoral work in the diocese. In this way we are walking little by little and seeking, in this slow journey, to make the Sacred Heart of Jesus loved.

| José Eduardo Paixão , MSC
(Province of São Paulo)

- MSC Statistics 2021 -

PRESENCE IN 50 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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| 1. Australia | 16. Fiji | 31. Nauru | 46. Switzerland |
| 2. Belgium | 17. France | 32. Netherlands | 47. United States of America |
| 3. Brazil | 18. Guatemala | 33. Nicaragua | 48. Venezuela |
| 4. Cameroon | 19. Haiti | 34. Austria | 49. Vietnam |
| 5. Canada | 20. Honduras | 35. Papua New Guinea | 50. Wallis and Futuna |
| 6. Colombia | 21. India | 36. Paraguay | |
| 7. Democratic Rep. of Congo | 22. Indonesia | 37. Peru | |
| 8. Congo Brazzaville | 23. Ireland | 38. Philippines | |
| 9. Croatia | 24. Italy | 39. Portugal | |
| 10. Cuba | 25. Japan | 40. Dominican Republic | |
| 11. Germany | 26. Kiribati | 41. Samoa | |
| 12. Ecuador | 27. South Korea | 42. Senegal | |
| 13. El Salvador | 28. Marshal Islands | 43. Slovakia | |
| 14. England | 29. Mexico | 44. South Africa | |
| 15. Spain | 30. Mozambique | 45. South Sudan | |



CHEVALIER'S DAY CELEBRATED IN ROME



On the day of the anniversary of the death of the Founder of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father Jules Chevalier, the Generalate and the Italian Province of the MSC celebrated a moment of festivity and sharing in the Generalate in Via Asmara in Rome. The celebrations for the 114th anniversary of the Founder's death were particularly heartfelt this year, after last year's forced halt due to the pandemic. Humberto Henriques, responsible for initial formation in the Congregation, gave a talk to the four formandi of the Italian Province on the charism and the figure of the Founder. At 11.30 a.m. Fr General Absalon Alvarado presided over the Eucharist in the presence of many brothers who had gathered. In his homily, Father General emphasised how important it is today to be synodal, a subject that was also taken up at the last General Conference. During the Mass, the confreres who had died during the past year were remembered, as well as the auspicious goal reached by Father Piero Zulian (74 years of religious life). At the end of the celebration, the Italian formandi presented the logo chosen for the 150th anniversary of the magazine "Annals", a painting by the artist Mauro Pallotta (Maupal) which depicts, in a new and innovative style, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

The day ended with a fraternal lunch.

| *Rosario Vitale , MSC
(Province of Italy)*



NATIONAL MEETING OF MSC FORMATORS OF BRASIL



From 16 to 18 November, the formators and superiors of the three MSC provinces of Brazil gathered in Itajubá-MG for a national meeting. It was a very special moment since, due to the pandemic, there had been no face-to-face meeting for almost two years.

On the 17th, there was a deep reflection on week sense of vocation in our candidates and on our institutional response to this challenge. Afterwards, the formators shared their experiences at each stage of formation and the desire was expressed that there should be more initiatives common to the three provinces in the area of formation. The day ended with a time of fraternisation.

On the 18th, the calendar for 2022 was drawn up and we deepened our desire for more common initiatives. A team was formed to think of a possible common pre-novitiate for the three provinces and to forward this suggestion to the superiors and councils, asking that it be on the agenda of the next National Meeting of Superiors and Councils (RENASCO).

The next national meeting of formators is scheduled for May 2022 and will be an opportunity to work on the material that the General House will offer on the Accompaniment Programme for Initial Formation.

| *Everton Albuquerque, MSC*
(Province of São Paulo)

CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO ET
DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

CALENDARIUM PROPRIUM CONGREGATIONIS MISSIONARIORUM SACRATISSIMI CORDIS IESU

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Ultimo sabbato eiusdem mensis:	MAIUS Sollemnitas BEATÆ MARIÆ VIRGINIS A SACRO CORDE IESU PATRONÆ CONGREGATIONIS Sollemnitas
<input type="checkbox"/>	04	IUNIUS Beatorum Iosephi Maria Gran Cirera et sociorum, presbyterorum et martyrum
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feria VI post dominicam II post Pentecosten	Sollemnitas SACRATISSIMI CORDIS IESU TITULARIS CONGREGATIONIS
<input type="checkbox"/>	07	IULIUS Beati Petri To Rot, martyris
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	OCTOBER Festum SANCTÆ MARGARITÆ MARIÆ ALACOQUE, VIRGINIS.
<input type="checkbox"/>	06	NOVEMBER Festum Beatorum Antonii Arribas Hortigüela, presbyteri, et sociorum, religiosorum et martyrum
<input type="checkbox"/>	07	DECEMBER Festum SANCTI FRANCISCI XAVIER, PREBYTERI PATRONI MISSIONUM
<input type="checkbox"/>	08	Sollemnitas Immaculata Conceptio

* Quando non indicatur gradus celebrationis. Ht Memoria ad libitum.



PRESBYTERAL ORDINATION OF THE FIRST MISSIONARY OF THE SACRED HEART FROM BURKINA-FASO

The date of July 03, 2021 was a memorable date for us, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of the Union of French-speaking Africa (UAF). That was the ordination to the priesthood of our first Burkinabe confrere **Father Pêgdwendé Romain Evariste KYELEM**.

On July 03, 2021, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Ouagadougou, our confrere Father Evariste was ordained a priest. Although we are no longer present in Burkina-Faso, the Lord has deigned to bestow upon our congregation the first priest from the land of Burkina-Faso (Land of Upright Men).

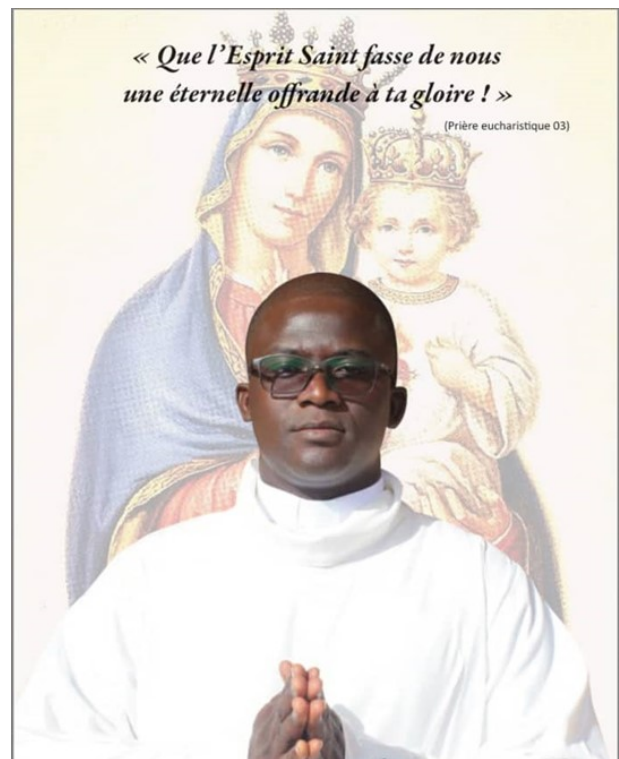
For the record, our confreres of the Dominican Republic Province had planned to open a mission in Africa. This venture led them to Burkina-Faso, more precisely in the Diocese of Fada-Ngourma, in the parish of Tambaga, near the border between Burkina and Niger. Our confreres of the Dominican Province called upon the MSC Union of French-speaking Africa to support them. Father Marcel NGUED (one of the first Missionaries of the Sacred Heart from Senegal) who had just been ordained a priest, was sent to Burkina-Faso, to Tambaga. He arrived in Burkina on October 22, 1992. Three years later, to the day, on October 22, 1995 (Mission Sunday), he died in an accident with his motorcycle while on his way to the mission doing service to charity. A few years later, our Dominican brothers withdrew from the mission of Tambaga, thus closing this mission of Burkina-Faso. Our sisters, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart with whom they worked, remained alone in Tambaga for some time before they too closed their house in Tambaga and moved to Fada-Ngourma and then to Ouagadougou.

Today, by the help of our sisters we welcome young Burkinabe men who want to enter our congregation; Father Evariste is the first fruit of this.

"If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and does not die, it remains alone; if it dies, it bears much fruit" says **John 12:24**. We are convinced today that the gift of charity offered by Father Marcel NGUED in the mission field has not remained in vain. We have at present, apart from Father Evariste, seven other young Burkinabé MSC confreres: three who are preparing for Perpetual Vows and four who are in the Post-Novitiate doing their theology formation in Cameroun. We have three in the Pre-Novitiate doing Philosophy in Senegal and about ten Aspirants in Burkina.

Yes, many challenges await us in Burkina-Faso! A vibrant homage to our Sisters, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, who help us a lot!

Let us pray to the Lord, the master of the harvest, to arm us with courage and generosity so that we can make the Sacred Heart of Jesus everywhere loved, forever!



| Georges Diabone , MSC - UAF)

MSC CURITIBA PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY



call to consecrated life from the three pillars: Prayer, fraternal life and mission.

On the second day, with Sister Paula (Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul), we reflected on the sources that inspire our consecration: the person of Jesus (Sacred Scriptures), the Founder (Constitution and Statutes) and the signs of the times (the needs of today). It was a strong and important moment for each one personally to pray about our life and mission, trying to respond where our charism is still needed.

From this reflection, the group decided to

The Provincial Assembly took place in Curitiba from 26 to 28 October. It was the first time we were able to gather together since the pandemic began. It was a fraternal meeting with the participation of almost all the members of the province. On the first day, under the guidance of Father Neto (Oblates of St. Joseph), we lived the retreat in four moments, in which we deepened our

begin a process of apostolic revision and revitalisation of our members. On the last day of the assembly we spoke about the practical matters of our life as a province. We closed the assembly with a tasty barbecue.

| *Lucas Machowsky, MSC -
Province of Curitiba*



On Sunday 12 December 2021, the priestly ordination of Adroaldo Welter Msc, member of the Province of Curitiba, was celebrated. The ordaining bishop was Dom Manoel Santos, MSC. A special moment for all of us, MSC. Our prayers and support.

COMMUNITY WEEK OF MSC IN ISSOUDUN



Every year in October, the MSC members of the Issoudun community meet for Community Week. This year we chose the Sanctuary of ND de Rocamadour as the place of activity. It is a beautiful site, a very old pilgrimage (from the 4th century), pleasant to visit as the architecture of the place is



beautiful, clinging to the rock. Lifts are recommended to spare the knees. The Way of the Cross leads to the castle ramparts. "The splendid scenery of this place and the quality of the environment make it one of the most rejuvenating variants of Compostela," said the rector of the shrine. No wonder we meet so many passers-by in this

place. Not only do people come from France, but also from other European countries.

We left our routine pastoral mission in Berry from 4 to 9 October 2021. André Claessens, MSC helped us to evaluate and reflect on our missionary life in Issoudun. In order to spread the spirituality of the Heart, in line with the current context of French society, our community needs moments to recharge and reflect together, to see the signs of this time, while looking for possible mission opportunities in this very secularised country.

This year, of course, something is different. Father Alfred and Brother Simon, MSC who were members of the Issoudun MSC community, were no longer with us as in previous years. They have just passed away due to the Covid 19 pandemic that hit our community in September 2021. This is certainly a sad reality for the community.

On the first day, we shared how the death of these two brothers really made the community feel lost. Also, it had happened so quickly. André asked us to describe how we felt about what we were carrying in our 'respective backpacks'. However, the mission must go on even if grief engulfs our community.

During the community week we had the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist in the sanctuary of ND de Rocamadour. We also had the opportunity to visit the shrine and were given a wonderful explanation by the rector of the Sanctuary.

There was a special afternoon when we had time to visit one of the unique tourist attractions in the region: the Padirac chasm. This abyss is nothing less than a huge, vertical and vertiginous doorway,



which invites us to pass from the outside world to the underground world in a few minutes. This day coincided with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the MSC province of Indonesia. Therefore, Fr. Yongki Wawo, MSC from Indonesia, was asked to preside over the Eucharistic celebration after the visit to the abyss. We celebrated Mass in thanksgiving in the open air in a shady garden.

On 8 October 2021, we also celebrated the birthday of Fr Gabriel Naikoa, MSC. Of course, it was really exciting. "Every year I celebrate my birthday in a different place, because we always organise the community week activities at the same time," said Fr Gabriel. The day before his birthday, we were invited to dinner at a family house in Rocamadour. We had plenty of delicious food that evening. This is a family that always came faithfully on pilgrimage to Issoudun. Unfortunately, this time of pandemic prevented them from coming to Issoudun. For many years they have remained faithful to the pilgrimage and to their devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Issoudun.

It is true that we have all dreamed of a community where Trinitarian communion is lived out, where unity is not in fusion but in the acceptance of differences, and where each person can be welcomed, listened to, even if their opinion differs. A community

where discernment and decision-making are sought in a synodal, communal way, and not on the basis of declarations from above. A community where co-responsibility is lived out, where each one is invited, according to his or her charisma, to take on responsibilities and to serve his or her brothers and sisters.

"One hand cannot clap" says the proverb. Our mission is universal and it "also begins at the door of my flat" as Madeleine Delbr el wrote. On 9 October 2021, we returned to Issoudun to continue our mission. The news of the last few days, marked by the revelations of sexual and spiritual abuse, does not seem to have put a stop to our enthusiasm for the mission. On the contrary. Paradoxically, the crisis in the Church is an opportunity for evangelisation. After the shame felt at each revelation, there is room for conversion, humility and listening. These three criteria are prerequisites for the proclamation of the word of God. The truth will set us free, as one of our confreres often reminds us. May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart always accompany us in our mission in Berry.

| Yongki Wawo , MSC - Province of Indonesia, member of the international community in Issoudun

"BIG DAY 2021: GIFTED TO GIVE AS CHEVALIER FAMILY"



The Big Day 2021 was unusual and was made limited because of the pandemic. Face to face celebration among the MSC formandi was not possible. Yet, virtual celebration was the better alternative we embraced. “Big Day”, as a gathering of Chevalier Family formandi in the Philippines, is on its 25th year of celebration with the theme, “Love beyond reason and Act with a mission”. Indeed, it is a milestone in an extraordinary circumstance. The pandemic did not limit or cancel the annual activity. It rather drives us more to celebrate as one Chevalier community amidst the limitation and challenges. The formandi are more than willing to share their giftedness, talents and creativity in this annual celebration.

Usually, the Big Day is celebrated the day after the death anniversary of our Founder. Fr Jules Chevalier. In other words, Big Day means a Chevalier Feast Day in commemoration of our beloved Fr. Chevalier. Since it was a virtual celebration, we maximized our available resources.

A series of virtual meetings with the representatives of the different MSC formation communities was difficult and challenging. Yet, discussions are necessary for the actualization of the activity. I tried not to limit my inner resources and not to underestimate my own capacity to lead the group. Indeed, I am gifted to give and to showcase my talents and creativity to the community. Perhaps, I see great things ahead of me. I always believe in thinking positively and foreseeing amazing stuff despite the limitations of this pandemic. I did not allow my self-doubts to hinder my potentials. Instead, I became more flexible and courageous to face the challenges. As our Fr. Founder said, *"If God wants something to be done, obstacles for him are means"*.

Adding spice to the celebration was the input given by the main speaker of the event. Fortunately, we were able to get in-touch and got his affirmative, “yes”, to give a lecture on the spirituality and charism of the congregation in relation to the theme.

The speaker was Fr. Humberto Henrique da Silva, MSC. He enthusiastically shared his thoughts on the subject and was able to bring challenges for us to reflect on as MSC in formation. During his talk, he challenged us to face the reality of the suffering world in this modern time. He emphasized the missionary journey of Fr. Chevalier being so concerned for the whole of humanity. And not just the suffering of humanity but also the dream of the "ecosystemic world," which means including all the creatures living in this planet/universe. Indeed, it is an integral part of our identity as MSC.

Moreover, the world nowadays is suffering from indifference and injustices. The society (Philippines, for instance) is divided by political and socio-economic crises which lead to human suffering, chaos, and isolation. During the sharing, I remember what Bro. Egie MSC said, "The Love of Justice shakes our MSC Spirit and Charism, especially in this pandemic." How can I be a practical young MSC today to the people in this pandemic? Still, I am grateful to be reminded by our resource speaker to

"Love beyond reason and Act with Mission" to our brethren, "to bring them the treasures of love and mercy of the Heart of Christ" to the lost, the least, and the last. And I was challenged to embrace the suffering world. To be like Christ, who embraced His Cross and suffering.

Hereby, as an MSC, I am commissioned to announce the Spirituality of the Heart of Christ to the wounded, broken, and humiliated world. I am called to be the bearer of Christ's compassionate and loving heart to others. In what ways and how? It is an excellent invitation to examine ourselves as young MSC and future ministers of His heart. I am challenged to be more like Him, to serve with selfless joy, and to receive without expecting anything in return. Lastly, I am reminded of how we, MSC formandi, celebrate this extraordinary 25th Big Day celebration. That is, "Love beyond reason and Act with a Mission" because we are gifted to give our Love to others. We are gifted to give!

| Bordz Carpenteros, MSC - Province of the Philippines

On Thursday 15 October André Claessens received a second 3-year mandate as chairman of the executive committee of the Africa-Europe Faith and Justice Network. For many years, the MSC have been members of this network founded by religious superiors in 1987. André was previously executive secretary for some years of the AEFJN in Brussels, after returning from Cameroon in 1996. If you want to know more, go to www.aefjn.org.





Vincent Phon Phan began his pre-novitiate at Blackburn in January 2020 and almost immediately went into lockdown in Melbourne, one of the longest in the world. In 2021, Vincent made his novitiate at Douglas Park with Peter Harvey Jackson as Novice Director and on 11 December last year he took his first vows in the Australian Province.

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MSC died between October-2021 and December-021

NAME	PROVINCE	DATE	WHERE HE DIED
GEORG FRANZ KEIM	NORTH GERMANY	15.10.2021	SALZBURG
DANIEL O'NEILL	IRELAND	22.10.2021	CORK
MANFRED LUDWIG GEORG EBERLE	SOUTH GERMANY	22.10.2021	FREISING
HARRY VAN BRIEL	CURITIBA	23.10.2021	CURITIBA
TADHG JOSEPH O'DALAIGH	IRELAND	27.10.2021	DUBLIN
COSMAS MARTIN PATAN BULUMARIS	PAPUA NEW GUI- NEA	31.10.2021	PORT MORESBY
MARTIN ALPHONSE THOMAS	FRANCE	02.11.2021	COMPIEGNE
ALOIS GURTNER	SOUTH GERMANY	03.11.2021	PFAFFENHOFEN
CORNELIUS VERGOUWEN	NETHERLANDS	14.11.2021	TILBURG
JANSSEN JACOBUS	NETHERLANDS	28.11.2021	TILBURG
LOOY RENÉ VAN	BELGIUM	07.12.2021	RUMST



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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>
October.2021	Eugênio Luedke Filho	CURITIBA	PRIESTHOOD
October.2021	Adroaldo Affonso Welter	CURITIBA	PRIESTHOOD
October.2021	Giacomo Gelardi	IRELAND	DIACONATE
October.2021	Gerwin M. Lumanglas	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
October.2021	Bae Han Uk (John the Baptist)	SOUTH KOREA	PRIESTHOOD
November.2021	Cristhian David Mancuello Arias	SPAIN	FINAL VOWS
November.2021	Jesús De Leòn Mercedes	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	PRIESTHOOD
November.2021	Yustinus Francklin A. Lerebulan	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
November.2021	Marius Sarkol	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
November.2021	José Augusto Aguiar Júnior	SÃO PAULO	FINAL VOWS
November.2021	Alex Sandro Pereira Santos	SÃO PAULO	FINAL VOWS
November.2021	Richardson Bruno da C. Ferreira	SÃO PAULO	FINAL VOWS
December.2021	Dayalan S.	INDIAN UNION	PRIESTHOOD
December.2021	Marbi John Aswin J.	INDIAN UNION	DIACONATE
December.2021	Marcos Paulo Rossi de Moraes.	CURITIBA	FINAL VOWS
December.2021	Dominique Pierre.	CURITIBA	FINAL VOWS

Congratulations to Deacon Giacomo Gelardi, a member of the MSC Province of Ireland. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Fintan Gavin in the presence of his family, friends, members of his missionary community and parishioners on Immaculate Conception Day, Wednesday 8 December, in the Church of Our Lady and St John in Dublin.





On 23 October, at the closing of the XXV Chevalier Week in São Luís-MA, by the imposition of the hands of Dom Valentim Fagundes de Meneses, MSC, diocesan bishop of Balsas, Brother Wanderley Procópio dos Santos, MSC, was ordained deacon.

During the homily, Bishop Valentim expressed his joy and satisfaction in being able to ordain this confrere. "The deacon is the one who serves at the table of the Eucharist and the table of the Word. And from these he goes out to the people of God to teach and to bear witness", said the bishop.

We pray to God, through the intercession of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, that the ministry of Deacon Wanderley may be fruitful in love and service.

The Province of Rio de Janeiro celebrated in the months of October and November three ordinations to the priesthood.

The first was that of Fr. Roney Lima, MSC, which took place on 23rd October in the parish of Nosso Senhor Bom Jesus, in the city of Joáima-MG, Vale do Jequitinhonha. His motto, inspired by Psalm 37,5, called everyone to a constant movement of abandonment and trust in God's Will.

The second ordination, which took place on November 12, was that of Father Washington Pablo Moura, in the Senhor Bom Jesus Parish, city of Água Doce do Norte- ES. Having Saint Theresa as a model of faith, he made us understand that we only reach people and conquer them for God when we are, in the heart of the Church, love.

The last one was that of Father Patrick Poli, on November 13, in the Parish of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, Vila Velha-ES.

In it we remembered the words of the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:3 which states that every day God draws us to himself with bonds of deep love.

We ask to the Sacred Heart that your priestly ministry be deep, intense, transparent and committed to truth and justice. Make of your lives and mission an authentic witness of God's love on earth.



On 19 November, a meeting took place with the COR-AMERICA Team. Marvin Sotelo (Spanish speaking MSC), Sr. Carolin (Missionary Sister of the Sacred Heart), Sr. Herlinda and Sr. Olga (current and future provincial of the Latin Province of the Missionaries Sisters of the Sacred Heart) and Sr. Renisa (provincial of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Brazil); Fr. Juan Tomas (CA-MSC coordinator); and Fr. Humberto Henriques, liaison between Cor America and the Tri-Generalate.



The Team was able to welcome the two new members (Fr Juan and Sr Olga) and to evaluate their progress this year, as well as to begin to plan for the work ahead. In the first semester of 2022 the team will meet face to face for a few days of deepening, evaluation, and planning.



The MSC Leadership team met for the last meeting of the year 2021 in the Generalate of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Sutri

. We met from 1 to 11 December. For the first 5 days we were guided by Francis Herry, a facilitator who has been with us since the beginning of our mandate and who supervises our work as a team. The remaining days were devoted to evaluation, planning and, above all, to organising the next steps to take forward the proposals of the last General Conference in view of the 2023 General Chapter.

The meetings of the Tri-Generalate (Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart) usually take place twice a year. Because of the pandemic, the meetings were held only by the three Generals, in an online way.

Last December 16 we were able to resume these meetings in person, with the presence of all the Leadership Teams of the Tri-Generalate. In addition to dealing with various issues related to the Chevalier Family, we experienced once again the closeness of hearts in the Heart of Christ.



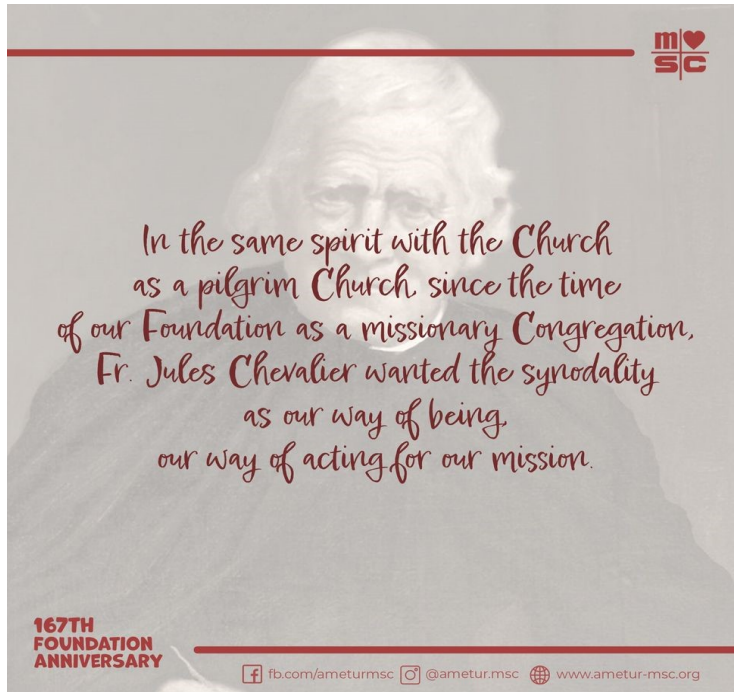


We are all brothers,
given to one another,
to live and work together
for the kingdom of God.

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as a pilgrim Church, since the time
of our Foundation as a missionary Congregation,
Fr. Jules Chevalier wanted the synodality
as our way of being,
our way of acting for our mission.

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MSC Safeguarding Delegates Conference



I agree with you in defining the sad story of sexual abuse and the way of dealing with it that the Church has adopted until recently as a catastrophe. Realizing this hypocrisy in the way of living the faith is a grace, it is a first step that we must take. We must take responsibility for history, both personally and as a community. One cannot remain indifferent to this crime. Accepting it presupposes going into crisis.
(Pope Francis)



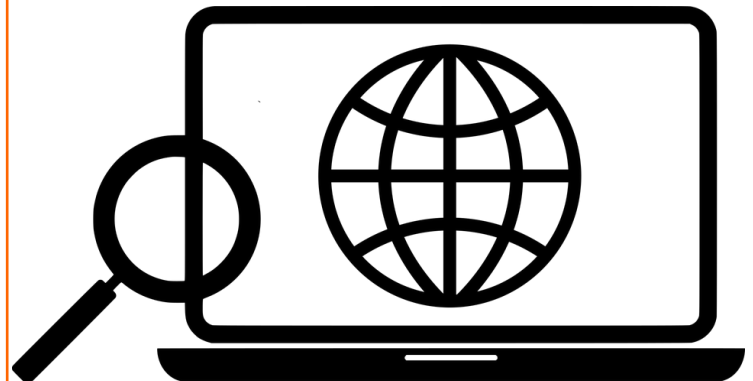
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