

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

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved! With immense joy we send you this second annual issue of the MSC General Bulletin after the month of June when we celebrated the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This bulletin contains, for the most part, information about the accompaniments of our General Leadership Team, with a few articles related to the signs of the times, the functions of the Safeguarding Office, details of the upcoming Safeguarding Conference 2022, and updates of the Provinces and Unions.

As I was reflecting on the Love of God, an incident flashed in my mind. Once in an OLSH parish in India, during my homily in the Children Mass, I asked what is the difference between the human heart and the Heart of Jesus? There were so many answers from the children, like saying human hearts are sinful and the Heart of Jesus is divine. The Heart of God is big, but the human heart is small and selfish. God's heart is burning with love, but the human heart is full of jealousy, selfish, etc. One

girl got up and said that Jesus' heart is *outside*, and our hearts are *inside*. Everyone laughed at this answer; however, this gave me some insights that her comment is very much connected to our motto, May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Loved everywhere. If the heart is placed outside it is because we all should go to Him, receive that Heart, which is burning with love, merge it with ours and spread the love of God to every corner of the earth.

The Love that we treasure or possess in our hearts is the Love that made God send his only son to save humanity, the Love that made Jesus sacrifice His life for our iniquities, the Love that made the Holy Spirit to dwell amongst us, the Love that made our founder find the remedy for the evils of his time and the Love that makes us united as Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, following the footprints of our Founder Jules Chevalier. The driving force of this world is LOVE, so let us spread the love of God to every corner of the earth in the footsteps of our Founder Jules Chevalier.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Loved Everywhere, forever, and ever. Amen.

| Richard Suresh , MSC

ACCOMPANIMENT OF THE MSC PROVINCE OF IRELAND

Green Country - MSC Province of Ireland a green reserve of hope and life because it keeps on being a life-giving MSC Province.

For three weeks, I lived a significant experience. It was the third time that this accompaniment had been planned. The pandemic finally allowed me to meet and, above all, to listen to so many long and deeply

their lives for the good of those most in need.

Perhaps by naming them, I may miss mentioning some of the wonderful diversity of missionary ministries: parishes, retreat houses, accompaniment and spiritual exercises, psychotherapy, supervision, chaplaincy in hospitals and nursing homes, education, media, formation of formators, Laity ongoing formation and other platforms. It gave me great hope and



experienced missionaries serving on the mission. The missionaries of the Irish Province have given so much in England, Ireland, South Africa, Venezuela, Russia, and elsewhere.

The communities visited were Cork, Galway, Dublin (Mulvey Park, Woodview and Terenure): England (Liverpool, and the Princethorpe School & parish). Each community includes different MSC presences and houses. In each community, I met confreres who could easily form a missionary encyclopedia. Like other MSC Entities, the Irish Province is made up of confreres who have historically carried out great diversity of ministries. Each day I was surprised by the different and diverse ministries in which many of them have given and continue to give

encouragement to feel and listen to the valuable life of each of the MSC in the Irish Province. The lay people who collaborate and work with the MSC are also amazing.

The mission office, based in Cork, continues to be a source of life for many projects worldwide. I thank God for the generosity of so many benefactors and the people working there. God continues to show his merciful and compassionate Heart through this MSC mission office.

The three houses where some of our elderly but young at heart live, Cork, Galway, and Woodview, are places where we find the true 'patrimony' of our congregation:

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the human beings who in universities, parishes, retreat houses, other missions... have spent their lives loving and serving the People of God.

Today, in their retirement, they continue to minister in different ways and be a 'beating

administration was very profound and fruitful. Together we listened to each other and tried to make sense of the priorities that the Province must pursue. We also reflected on the present reality's challenges to the Province. These



heart' that gives life to the whole congregational ecosystem. I thank God for the life of each one of them, I admired them, and now I admire them more. By the way, it was also a time to learn about the different Irish sports. Some of our confreres are real experts in them.

The time spent with the provincial team and lay people working in the provincial

challenges are many and complex, but the Provincial Team is doing its best to respond to the present and future as it emerges. Thanks so much, Carl Tranter and Paula Ryan-Kavanagh, for organizing the Irish Province accompaniment wisely.

| *Mario Abzalón Alvarado Tovar, MSC*

Safeguarding Conference—2022

MSC Safeguarding Delegates Conference. 4-13 September 2022 Rome

This first gathering of MSC Safeguarding Delegates from around the world will be held in Rome 4-13 September 2022. Three member of the USG/UISG Safeguarding Commission will deliver the course.

If one is to build a safeguarding culture, the starting point is always to listen to those who have suffered sexual abuse. After listening to victims the course moves on to explore the prevention of sexual abuse and responding to allegations of sexual abuse. There has been an encouraging response to this initiative with almost 90% participation by MSC Entities.

Indian Union

April 4 – May 2 this year, I travelled to India to accompany our members. I arrived in Bangalore in the height of summer season: it was hot! Thankfully an air conditioner was installed in the visitor's room.

Fr. Darwin Thatheus MSC was reappointed for a second term as Union Superior and we thank him for his willingness and generosity for such an important task. After consultation, he appointed his new Council; Frs. Tijo John (full time First Councillor), Joshva Gopini, Praveen Kumar, and Arokia Prabhu. The new leadership is a good mix

building in Bangalore are already in place within the interior precinct of Chevalier Bhavan (the Union's main house). Most likely the school will take students in 2024. I attended a project meeting on the progress and was very impressed with the professionalism of the working group. Congratulations to them. Also at Chevalier Bhavan, Fathers Rajesh and Christy are still waiting for visas to return to the USA, due to the COVID pandemic. Their extended presence in Bangalore has brought much joy. The formation community will move from Chevalier Bhavan back to Hridaya Bhavan, Richmond Town closer to



of experience, senior and younger, parish, school, formation, spirituality, Malayalam, Tamil, Telegu, and Kannada. We thank them also for their willingness to serve the congregation. A priority was to work with the leadership on the outcomes of the leadership consultation process that had taken place in February. We had two days of in-service on leadership, strategic planning, communal wisdom, becoming a Province, and preparing for the General Chapter, using the booklets the General team had prepared.

The Indian Union is constructing a second school (the first in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu). The foundations of the new Chevalier Academy

their place of studies, Dharmaram College run by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate.

On April 7 we had a lovely meal with the Hridaya Bhavan community, Bangalore, during which we celebrated Lal Thomas' completion of his Biblical Theology studies. Congrats Lal!

Easter Weekend was celebrated in the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Bangalore, our only MSC Parish. It is recovering from COVID restrictions and on Easter Day close to a thousand came for the celebrations. Fathers Tijo, Julius and James are well loved as pastors. The ceremonies were very beautiful.

On Easter Monday, we travelled 4 hours to Hridayalaya aspirant's house, in Mysore, to meet the community; Prasad, Gerald, and Ravi Paul were there with a few students. Next day we drove 6 hours to the new community house, Chevalier Ilam, at Chevalier Academy, Dindigul. We met with confrères from Dindigul, Kombaiyanpatty, Gangapuram, and Coimbatore (Nesamani and Devan). Using the communal wisdom process we reflected on becoming a province, and preparing for the General Chapter. Returning to Bangalore we had a meal with our MSC Sisters who showed us through their completed aged care facility.

Early next morning Joshua and I flew to Cochin, Kerala, to accompany Frs. Alex and Subash and the novices. We had good reflection sessions with the community there also. Alex is doing a great job and the novices are all fine young men. Subash enjoyed cooking some great cuisine for us.

Joshua and I then took a train from Cochin to our Aged Care Mercy Home in Coimbatore where we had lunch with Fathers Nesamani, Peter Francis, and David Muntode. We surveyed the site for a proposed Day Aged-Care Centre. An

On April 25 we began the 10-hour drive to Warangal in Telangana State. We journeyed through 43°C heat! The Hridaya Jyothi Community at the Jeevadaram Centre, welcomed us along with local catechists from Rampur Parish.

These lay members of the parish came to thank the MSC for their presence. We had meetings with members from Warangal, Guntur, and Kurnool, as we did elsewhere. We visited the site of the Hridaya Jyothi Philosophy House where our students and staff will live. With the pandemic the building has been delayed. Our final evening was a great barbeque including some lively dancing by very talented confrères.

In the last days in Bangalore, I visited family of confrères, and met with individual members. All confrères from Mysore and Bangalore gathered at Chevalier Bhavan for our meetings, on communal wisdom, Province, and General Chapter. In the evening we celebrated the installation ceremony of the new Union Leadership Team.

Thank you to all the members of the Indian Union for their commitment to the mission and their wonderful hospitality. The Union presently



adjacent acre of land is also available for purchase and would make a very good future investment as an enlargement to the aged care project and a church.

has about 80 professed members and is hoping to become a Province at the next General Chapter.

| *Chris Chaplin, MSC*

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ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

After my stay in Peru with COR-AMERICA, I went to Santo Domingo to participate in the Provincial Assembly which took place between 25 and 29 April. During the first two days we had the assistance of the secretary of CLAR (Conferencia Latinoamericana de Religiosos) who worked on the topic of synodality.

On the last day of the Assembly we had the opportunity to study the Working Material for the General Chapter where everyone shared their feelings and thoughts on each topic in order to be sent to the General House soon.

On Friday, the last morning of the meeting, the Province opened an Extraordinary Chapter to vote on the annexation of Canada to the Province and to elect a delegate to the



The two following days, starting from the introduction of the theme on synodality, we were able to share on how the synodal process applies to our Congregation in this moment of history, with the objective of giving to each one of the members of the Province the task of seeking out greater possibilities for the future and ways of working together, as an ecosystem, in the same mission.

In the process that was followed during the days of the Assembly, the confreres were invited to ‘co-feel’ the real difficulties and possibilities for the future of the province within the larger congregational system. Some important elements emerged and it was strongly recommended that the Chapter Team take into account the points that emerged from this work in order to make a continuous process to ensure that the fruits of the Assembly are not lost.

Chapter. With an almost unanimous vote, the Chapter delegates decided to accept the annexation of the Province of Canada, in the future Community of Canada, to the Province of the Dominican Republic.



| Humberto Henriques, MSC

Final Professions



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.

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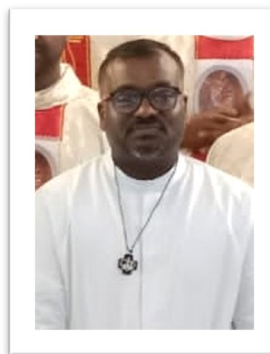
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There were four confreres perpetually professed in UAF on 9th of July 2022.

There were two confreres perpetually professed in Indian Union on 24th of June 2022.

Congratulations to all the members who made their Perpetual Profession.

Indian Union



Vinodh Kumar



Kulandai Arul Raj

Safeguarding Office

Formation of MSC Safeguarding personnel

The 2021 MSC General Conference voted:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION TO ENSURE THAT THOSE PROVINCES AND UNIONS WITH A NUMBER OF ACTIVE RELIGIOUS, WILL HAVE COMMENCED TO HAVE A SUITABLE MSC TRAINED IN EACH OF DISCIPLINES OF SAFEGUARDING AND CANON LAW BY THE TIME OF THE NEXT GENERAL CHAPTER.

Opportunities to obtain a safeguarding diploma are available at the Gregorian University Rome, St Paul University in Ottawa, and at CEBITEPAL (Bogotá, Colombia).

Some MSC entities quickly took up the challenge. Two Indonesian MSC have graduated from the Institute of Anthropology safeguarding institute <https://iadc.unigre.it/>. A member of the UAF will commence the six-month diploma course in late September 2022. Members from India, Vietnam, and the Philippines will join the course in 2023.



| Tim Brennan, MSC

MSC COMMUNITY IN VENEZUELA

This was the first accompaniment we undertook of the MSC Community in Venezuela since we started acting as Leadership Team. For different reasons (political crisis and COVID) we could not be present before that. Currently the community in Venezuela (belonging to the Province of Ireland) has 8 members: Two who live in the capital Caracas (the Irish John and Tom), four who live in Maracaibo (the Irish Thomas and the three Venezuelans Yonis - who is the superior of the community - Heliel and Deiby) and the two Venezuelans who are in the Post Novitiate stage in Brazil (Miguel and Yordy).



In Caracas we are responsible for the parish of Santa Cruz, in a periphery, and we have a work called Casa Missionaria, which at present functions as a retreat house and centre for social work. In Maracaibo we are responsible for the parish of Our Lady of Peace, and for a school with more than 400 students.



Both in Caracas and in Maracaibo I had the opportunity to meet the confreres and talk about the processes that are underway in the Congregation. The topic most dear to the group at this moment is about the Andean Union and what a possible union of the Andean entities will mean in the future. Another strong theme in our conversation was the

topic about Initial Formation. Unfortunately we had to close our Formation house for lack of a confrere who can act as formator. The good news, as I have already mentioned, is that we have several young candidates for a possible reopening of the House of Formation. For this reason we have begun a discernment process seeking the collaboration of other entities to send someone as formator. We hope that soon we will be able to welcome these young Venezuelan candidates.



The days in Venezuela were too short to live all the experiences that the confreres and the people gave me: meetings with the confreres, with the lay people of the Chevalier Family, with the young candidates, with the people of God; the walks in Caracas and Maracaibo, the Masses and prayers together and so many other opportunities to feel connected and accompanied. I conclude by emphasizing the joy of being with the confreres and the Venezuelan people. Their resilience is incredible, in spite of so much suffering and despair. I could feel very present the strength of the Spirit which resists every form of oppression.



| Humberto Henriques, MSC

THE END OF AN ERA IN CANADA

On April 7th – 8th an important gathering took place in Québec. Some 13 members of the MSC province assembled to celebrate the provincial conference and chapter. All the members of the province were convened for this historical event. Why historical?

In his opening address the provincial Fr. Marc-André Gingras made it clear that the main purpose of the conference was to come to terms with the project of a fusion with the province of Santo Domingo that had been on the table since 2017. The chapter had to elect a new provincial as well.



For the merging of the two provinces a workgroup had prepared a draft proposal that previously had been submitted to the members of both provinces and amended by them. The workgroup worked together with a canonist and a civil lawyer but unfortunately the pandemic didn't allow them to finalize it earlier and to celebrate the chapter in 2020.



The proposal was now adopted by a large majority and the chapter decided to submit it to the General Superior so that all the Canadian confreres can become a community of the Dominican MSC province. The Dominican province will also discuss the agreement later on this month during their

provincial chapter. Their provincial Fr. Juan Tomás García Pichardo took part in our assembly.



After the vote on the proposal of fusion of both provinces the chapter assembly proceeded to the election of a new provincial. At the first ballot Fr. Gilles SAVARD (1946) obtained the required majority of votes. Fr. Gilles was on leave for health reasons and had already booked his return ticket to his mission in Mexico. We are all very grateful for his availability to be the new leader of this aging province.

The average age of the 16 members of the province is 80 and they have gone through a process of “letting go” of ministries and properties. Today 12 of them are living in a nursing home together with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Bordeaux, the Brothers of St. Vincent and a number of lay people. When they closed the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart here in Québec the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament offered them hospitality but when they, in turn, sold their (too) big property they found a new home in the facility of the Sisters.

A wholehearted “thank you” was given to Fr. Marc-André for his dedicated service to the province: all together 20 years of his life.

We wish Fr. Gilles and the whole province to be happy in the emerging future because the mission goes on!

As a souvenir of this event the province published an interesting book *La Province Canadienne des Missionnaires du Sacré-Cœur. Son histoire, ses artisans. Tome 2, 94 p.* The first part of the book was published by Fr. Yvon Labbé in 1989. Congratulations!

| *Andrè Claessens, MSC*

Synodality and Mission

On Tuesday 25 May, early in the morning I was on the way to Termini station where a special coach would pick us up and bring us to *Fraterna Domus*, a center on the outskirts (19km) of Rome where the first assembly of the Union of Superiors General would take place. About 90 Major Superiors turned up. I was there because Fr. Abzalón had other commitments as it was the last days of the MSC Sisters' General Chapter. The theme of this 97th assembly of the USG was ***Synodality and Mission***.



The first session was with the journalist Austen Ivereigh - who wrote together with pope Francis the book *“Let us dream together: the way for a better future”*. His theme was “The mission of consecrated life in a post pandemic world”. Very familiar with the pope’s thinking, he pointed out how important it is to put new value on our bonds of belonging. In fact, in face of all kind of violences in the Church it is clear ‘a conversion of power’ has to be a top priority. Also in his recent *Predicate Evangelium* (March) reforming the Roman Curia, Pope Francis stressed that in the Church power (authority) has to be considered as a ministry and that is why discernment and dialogue is now the central approach. The shift of paradigm to a synodal church is only possible in openness to the Spirit who brings the gift of conversion of mind and heart. The purpose of the forthcoming Synod on Synodality (2023) is to create a permanent dynamism of listening and fostering communion.

The curia and the papacy need to enable this. Authority comes from a canonical mission and not

from sacred orders! What is at stake is the gospel way of practicing power – authority. Since 2013 Pope Francis has pushed this agenda. Religious orders and congregations have a lasting practice of synodality and are invited to share this heritage. In language groups we shared our hopes and fears about this.

The afternoon session online brought us an example of “synodality in action”. Mr Mauricio Lopez, coordinator of the Centre for programs, networks and pastoral action of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean shared about CELAM as a school of synodality. Testimonies were given by Susan Pachecoy (Argentina), Antonio Ortiz (Mexico) and Milton Tróccoli (Uruguay), Harold Segura (Baptist pastor), Maria Suyapa Cacho (Honduras) and Santiago Gonzales (Colombia). The 41 challenges are already assessed by CLAR (Conference of Religious). Pope Francis seems to be very much inspired by the 2007 Assembly in Aparecida that he led as Card. Bergoglio, and the last CELAM meeting in Mexico in 2021.



The second morning was dedicated to the contribution of USG-UISG to the worldwide consultation-questionnaire about synodality. The synthesis was made by a group of 4 persons and presented to us by José Cristo Rey García Paredes (CMF) and Maria Cimperman (RSCJ).

The afternoon session was again about synodality in action: John Dardis (SJ) witnessed about the Jesuits’ discernment in their apostolic preferences. Sr Noelle Corscadden shared about the process of fusion to be completed later this year between the

Loretto Sisters and the Sisters of the Company of Jesus, both inspired by Mary Ward and Ignatian spirituality.

After the sharing there was a meeting of groups according to interests and the celebration of the eucharist in language groups.

Friday May 27th was business as usual: we were asked to approve the balance and the budget. Then we listened to Mgr Carballo OFM, secretary of the Dicastery of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic life. He shared some concerns of the dicastery and “the work in progress”. A few topics: lay brothers can become superiors in clerical institutes; associations erected by diocesan bishops need consent of the dicastery ; concerns about multiple exits and abandonments and requests for incardination; abuse of authority; the sale of ecclesiastical properties; the time for recourse in case of dismissal from the Institute (the present 10 day period is too short); when will the Pope approve “Mutual relations”; ongoing reflection on the future of small institutes of pontifical right; the International commission on Vita Consecrata. The USG assembly of November will have an audience with the Pope on November 26th.

The last inputs came from members of Astali Center, Caritas Rome and San Egidio regarding the way religious communities are welcoming and caring for refugees and migrants.

Before the final Mass the USG President, Fr. Arturo Sosa , SJ Superior General concluded the activities of this 97th assembly.



| André Claessens, MSC

ORDINATIONS - Indian Union



On June 29, 2022, Poliseti Chiranjeevi was ordained in Andara Pradesh, India



On February 28th, 2022, Dayalan MSC was ordained in Devikapuram, Tamil Nadu, India

Diaconate Ordination



On March 18th, 2022, Dn. John Aswin MSC was ordained as Deacon in Kristu Jyothi College, Bangalore, India .

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MSC INITIAL FORMATION IN BRAZIL

In March 2020 I was in Brazil visiting our community in Amazonia and the plan was to go soon after to do the accompaniment of the houses of Formation. On March 19, we were stopped by the pandemic emergency and I could not go to the houses of formation in Brazil. This plan was put on hold until May of this year, when I was able to return and accompany those in formation and the formators in Brazil.



Between May 9 and 12 I was with the formators and superiors at the National Meeting of Formators. The formators of the three provinces of Brazil meet twice a year. For this first meeting of 2022 they asked me to continue to reflect with them on the themes that emerged in the first stage of our Accompaniment Process of Initial Formation, already in preparation for the meeting of Formators of the CA-MSC in Guatemala in July 2022.

The theme of listening and the synodal process were the focus of the meeting and the formators were convinced that it is necessary to listen generatively in order to understand the future that asks to be born concerning formation in Brazil and also in the world.

We did not have time to go into any specific theme in depth. However, from what was heard, the theme that came up again was the possibility of creating another common

space for the three provinces: the Pre-Novitiate. This stage in Brazil is the year after the Postulancy/Philosophy and before the Novitiate.

Immediately after the Formators' Meeting, I followed a schedule of visits to all the houses of Formation of the São Paulo Province (Theology at São Paulo, Philosophy and Pre-Novitiate at São Luiz do Maranhão, Propedéutico at Pirassununga) and to two houses of Formation of the Rio Province (Pre-Novitiate at São Gonçalo and Theology at Belo Horizonte), without visiting the stage of Philosophy and the Minor Seminary of the latter province.

In this accompaniment, besides the conviviality of participating in the activities in the houses of formation, I had the opportunity to meet with all those in formation in each stage to talk about the process "from ego to eco" which is underway in the Congregation and, specifically, in Initial Formation. It was interesting to receive feedback from those in formation who felt grateful to be included in this process. They feel responsible for the future of the congregation and want to contribute to this process. The individual conversations were also a source of insights for the follow-up of this process since they could say, among other things, where they feel the Initial Formation helped them the most and what they feel the Formation does not yet answer. I believe that the most positive thing in all this was to be able to include all these members in the synodal process that is taking place in our Congregation and in the Church.



| Humberto Henriques, MSC

THE MSC DUTCH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

24 to 29 April, 2022

The Dutch Provincial Chapter took place in Tilburg. With six members still abroad, we are a province of twenty-seven members, most of us are around 80 years of age or older. It is precisely in these circumstances that we see "Letting Go and Trusting" as our task as MSC and so we chose these words as the theme and mission of our Chapter.

We discussed our mutual communication, our



life as an MSC community, and made decisions about finances and asset allocation in view of the Mission Office (in formation yet).

It is our intention, in good cooperation with the General Board, to transform our present province into a MSC community in the Netherlands, with some form of participation in a wider European MSC entity. We are aware, however, that in view of our age and perspective this participation will have its limits.



The Chevalier laypeople were of course present at our Chapter. They gave a realistic account of

their developments as part of the wider Chevalier Movement. Related to them is the younger "Heart on the Move" initiative, which, based on our inspiration as MSC, reaches out to women and men who are searching for depth and meaning in our secular society. The momentum and the regular meetings of both have stagnated because of the recent Covid pandemic.

We finally elected Father Theo te Wierik as



provincial superior for a new mandate of three years. He will take up his task, assisted by the same team members as in his previous term, in cooperation with the FDNSC-Sisters, with the help of experts and with the cooperators who are at our side.



| Ben Verberne , MSC



COR AMERICA

"Living the encounter of the Chevalier Family, in the energy and joy of the Risen One".

In the octave of Easter, in the spirit that



flows from the Pierced and Risen Heart of Jesus, we had our meeting in the House of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, next to the Stella Maris Clinic, directed by them, in Pueblo Libre, Lima, Peru. We had a meeting with the outgoing members of the Cor America team, Marta Maria Pinto, from the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of the Province of Brazil, Fr. Marvin Antonio Sotelo for the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, from the Province of Central America and Mexico, for the Spanish-speaking MSC (virtual contact), who have given the best of themselves to give life to this project at continental level.

Also present were the continuing members: Coordinator, Fr. Mario Roessler, Missionary of the Sacred Heart from the Province of Curitiba (Brazil), for the Portuguese-speaking MSCs, Sr. Jesús Carolin Romero, of the Missionaries of the



Sacred Heart of the Latin Province (virtual

contact), and the incoming members Sr. María Freire da Silva for the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of the Province of Brazil and Fr. Julio César Molina, Missionary of the Sacred Heart, for the Spanish-speaking MSC. On this occasion, for reasons of force majeure, we did not have the presence of Hipólito Ramirez del Rosario, representative of the MSC Laity.

The meeting was held jointly with the representatives of the *immediate Instance*, in support of the congregations that make up the Chevalier Family: Sr Olga Altagracia Mata, Provincial Superior of the Latin Province of the MSC Sisters, Sr. Renisa Augusta da Fonseca, Provincial Superior of the HNSSC and Fr. Juan Tomas García Pichardo, Provincial of the MSC of the Dominican Republic and Coordinator of the American Conference of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (CA-MSC).



It was quite a journey, having just finished the celebrations of Holy Week in our respective places of mission, and in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has not yet gone away. Communication flowed, collaborating with each other, in terms of travel requirements, and continuous accompaniment, through the means available, to coordinate the various routes and schedules, to reach the meeting of friendship, brotherhood and companionship, in the charism, spirituality and mission that unite us.

We felt together, in the fullest and most complete sense, thinking, laughing, agreeing,

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sharing, a true exercise of synodality, in the style of the invitations that Pope Francis makes to the Church, sharing in common what we dream of as Chevalier Family, throughout the length and breadth of America, the theological space to which we are sent to be Witnesses of God's love.

We were able to hold this meeting in communion with the Tri-generalate, made up of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Hilstrup (HMSC), the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (FDNSC), and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC), accompanied by Fr. Humberto Henríquez, MSC, as liaison with this greater entity, who, in an affective and effective way, helped us to focus on the objectives and expectations of future projections, as a new team.



We realized how we are connected by a spirituality that is incarnated and inserted in the different contexts where we are, as well as the

strength and global relevance of our charism in the Church and the world today. It was a time to share experiences, expectations, discern and plan; communication has been fluid and the joy of service has been strengthened during the meeting. We assume with joy the challenges of the mission that has been entrusted to us by our respective congregations.

The brotherly and sisterly atmosphere of the participants, as well as that of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, to whom we are deeply grateful for their welcome, allowed us a constant



dynamic of awareness of the responsibility we have acquired, of team cohesion and family spirit. These were very intense days of fraternity and sharing together the life and mission of our Religious Institutes in America, in the spirit of Father Jules Chevalier, MSC, our common founder, the origin and goal of our hopes.

| Julio César Martínez, *MSC*
(For the *COR AMERICA* team)

UAF Conference - Yaoundé 2022



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The Meeting of the Council of the Union with the District Superiors of Congo, Cameroon and Senegal was held from 7 to 11 March 2022.

André Claessens and Abzalón Alvarado were present. It was a process of deep listening, discernment and encouragement to accompany them to face the challenges in their mission in Francophone Africa.

The South German-Austrian Provincial Chapter

From 6 to 10 June 2022, the South German-Austrian Provincial Chapter took place in Steinerskirchen.

For me it was, contrary to expectations, a confraternal meeting in which we tried to find realistic ways into the future together. A call from the Holy Spirit: Take care of each other and entrust your works gratefully and with commitment to younger lay forces who can take an example from you - as you stand confidently behind them with your Sacred Heart spirituality despite your age and your diminishing strength.

At the Chapter we still experienced ourselves - despite Corona and age - as a lively community that wants to keep itself open for the future with interest. We want to know how we are doing, where we can still help to support steps into the future through our worldwide community. Conversations among us - despite age differences and differences of opinion - are possible and fruitful.

What was surprising, good, and helpful: The



moderation by Sr Christine Rod was a gift of the Holy Spirit. Without her skills, but above all fraternal and spiritual way of guiding us through these days of searching and questioning, what we achieved would probably not have been possible. It was a good mix of individual, group, and plenary work.

Our view of our community in Nitra/Slovakia changed for the better through the unexpected interaction of different communities despite painful

losses such as the death of Fr Josef Hegglin, MSC.

The report of our previous Provincial about his decades of dedicated work for the future of our Southern German-Austrian community made us all very grateful and confident. In this report it also became very clear how much our Province has done for young Unions and Provinces in the past years. Especially by supporting school buildings in Cameroon, Senegal and India, it was easier for the confreres in these countries to become financially



independent. And we were also able to make contributions for emergency aid and reconstruction after disasters.

After these days together, I am more confident and trusting in the future. I also see our Sacred Heart spirituality as deeper and more necessary for the future than when I joined our community 60 years ago - especially for ourselves among ourselves!

At the chapter a new Provincial was elected: Fr Michael Huber. Fr. Michael was born in 1964, made his first profession in 1992 and was ordained priest in 1998. He worked as a parish priest, as a formator in Slovakia, as a novice master in Ireland, did further studies in the USA and for the past three years he has been Vicar General of the Diocese of Eichstätt. Since 2012 he is the chairman of the FAB (Financial Advisory Board).

We wish our new Provincial, Fr. Michael Huber, all the best for his task and God's blessing.

| Toni Ringseisen, MSC

ORDINATIONS - Indonesia

Some confreres have been ordained in recent months and we want to congratulate them for their discernment and commitment. "May they be shepherds with the smell of the sheep".



On May 7, 2022 there were 5 priests ordained in Indonesian Province: 1. Robertus Talaroga msc. 2. Paulus Edi Nugroho msc. 3. Bonaventura Farneubun msc. 4. Firalen Vianney Ngantung msc. 5. Antonius Obe Haryon



Rm. Martinus Rikiwi Setiaji MSC



On June 15, 2022 there were 2 priests ordained in the Indonesian Province:
1. Christian Reza msc. 2. Martinus Rikiwi Setiaji msc.

ORDINATIONS - Viet Nam (Australia)



On June 03, 2022 there were 4 priests ordained in Vietnam, Australian Province: 1. Hung Quoc LE msc, 2. Thi Dinh NGUYEN msc, 3. Chung Minh TRAN msc, 4. Bang Hai DINH msc.

Accompaniment

ANDEAN UNION LEADERSHIP TEAM

After our meeting with the COR AMERICA Team, taking advantage of the fact that I was in Peru, I had the opportunity to meet one day with the Andean Union Leadership Team on 22 April 2022.



In the morning, the facilitation was intended to rescue the fruits and difficulties of their time as a leadership team.

In the afternoon, we focused our attention on the practicalities of the Entity's new status as MSC Union. Although short, this fraternal meeting reflected the willingness of our confreres in Peru to carry on with the task of building this new Union in our Congregation.



| Humberto Henriques, MSC

Sacred Heart Feast at the Generalate



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated with the Chevalier family and with our neighboring religious Communities".

CHAPTER OF THE NORTH GERMAN PROVINCE

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9 - 12 MAY 2022 IN HILTRUP, GERMANY.

The Provincial Chapter elected Fr. Dieter Afüppe, former missionary in Peru, as new Provincial. We thank Fr. Martin Kler for his valuable service in leadership for the last nine years. The Chapter reflected on the present and future challenges for the MSC in today's reality of this MSC Entity. The representative of the Generalate was Fr. Andreas Steiner, Provincial of South Germany-Austria.

TRI-GENERALATE MEETING



The Tri- Generalate meeting was held on 13th of April at The Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Generalate (OLSH) house, Roma.

DEATHS

MSC who died between April and June 2022

NAME	PROVINCE	DATE	WHERE HE DIED
JOHANIS BENYAMIN MENGKO	INDONESIA	02.04.2022	INDONESIA
Marcel Jacquet	FRANCE	16.04.2022	FRANCE
Michael ToBung (Tutmulai)	PNG	17.04.2022	PNG
Johannes Rozier	FRANCE	01,05.2022	FRANCE
Alex Welerubun	INDONESIA	22.05.2022	INDONESIA
Winfried Alfred (<i>Boniface</i>) Holz	NETHERLANDS	02.06.2022	PNG
Hans Johann Ollertz	NORTH GERMANY	26.02.2022	NORTH GERMANY
Chris Van Berlo	NEDERLAND	15.06.2022	NEDERLAND
Pius Rettob	INDONESIA	30.06.2022	INDONESIA

Approvals from April to June 2022

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>
APRIL 2022	Domenico ROSA	ITALIA	DIACONATE
APRIL 2022	Hung Quoc LE	AUSTRALIA	DIACONATE
APRIL 2022	Thi Dinh NGUYEN	AUSTRALIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Bang Hai DINH	AUSTRALIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Martinus Rikiwi Setiaji	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Bonaventura Farneubun	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Paulus Edi Nugroho	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Firalen Vianney Ngantung	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Antonius Obe Haryon	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Robertus Tala Roga	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Christian Reza	INDONESIA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Lawrence Teilo Namongo	PAPUA NEW GUINEA	PRIESTHOOD
APRIL 2022	Gabriel Enrique Peña Vicente	CURITIBA	PRIESTHOOD
MAY 2022	Gabriel Shikongo	IRELAND	PERPETUAL VOWS
MAY 2022	Juan Gabriel Corona Estévez	REP. DOMINICANA	PRIESTHOOD
MAY 2022	Jahuil Alexander Doroteo Pereyra	REP. DOMINICANA	PRIESTHOOD
MAY 2022	Toan Dinh Vinh Le	AUSTRALIA	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Richardo Bill Lira	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Marcelinus Lilo	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Petrus Bajo Piran	INDONESIA	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Vinodh Kumar	INDIAN UNION	PERPETUAL VOWS
MAY 2022	Kulandai Arul Raj	INDIAN UNION	PERPETUAL VOWS
MAY 2022	Chiranjeevi Poliseti	INDIAN UNION	PRIESTHOOD
MAY 2022	Florris (Villanueva) Inocencio	PHILIPPINES	PERPETUAL VOWS
MAY 2022	Jyrnell (Badana) Salino	PHILIPPINES	PERPETUAL VOWS
MAY 2022	Felix II (Rein) Bermudez	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Lloyd (Hembrador) Mendoza	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	John Chester Jr., (Flores) Pleños	PHILIPPINES	DIACONATE
MAY 2022	Gerwin (Mendoza) Lumanglas	PHILIPPINES	PRIESTHOOD
JUNE 2022	Tamno François Armand Fokam	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Séraphin Sawadogo	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Ronald Mapanda Masasi	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Modeste Lobo Kwete	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>APPROVAL</u>
JUNE 2022	Deodat Don-Dieu Tandou Bitsindou	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Wend Kuuni Hyacinthe Ouedraogo	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Gérard Assogo Ndoumou	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Xavier Tiabondou	UAF	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Venancio Choc Cho	CENTRAL AMERICA	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Francisco Antonio Saravia Màrquez	CENTRAL AMERICA	PERPETUAL VOWS
JUNE 2022	Sosefo Leleivai	PACIFIC ISLANDS	PRIESTHOOD
JUNE 2022	Raúl Pérez Valdéz	USA	DIACONATE
JUNE 2022	Ricardo Perdomo Arámbulo	USA	DIACONATE
JUNE 2022	Omer Martínez Montenegro	ANDIAN UNION	PRIESTHOOD
JUNE 2022	Giacomo Gelardi	IRELAND	PRIESTHOOD

MSC Safeguarding Commission

The MSC Safeguarding Commission was established by the General Council 14 September 2021. The Interim Charter states:

The MSC Safeguarding Commission is established by the Superior General in Council. It addresses the safeguarding of not just minors but also adults at risk.

Purpose

- a. The MSC commit to a victim focus.
- b. The Safeguarding Commission contributes to safeguarding policies and practices for consideration by the Superior General and Council.
- c. Those policies are focussed on building a safeguarding culture among MSC, those that work with MSC and those to whom MSC minister.
- d. The purpose encompasses what is required in policy, the ongoing formation of all those impacted by the policies and the implementation of policies.
- e. The Commission may respond to individual provinces and unions as they develop or review their own safeguarding policies.

Membership

- a. The membership of the Safeguarding Commission is composed of individuals with knowledge, experience, and responsibilities in this field.
- b. Specific skill sets include:
 - a. Experience in working with victims and respondents.
 - b. Expertise in canon law.
- c. Members are appointed by the Superior General in Council after hearing the advice of the Safeguarding Officer in the General Administration.
- d. It is important that experienced Safeguarding Officers from Provinces and Unions are represented in the membership. They bring operational experience to any considerations.
- e. The membership is to include a diversity of gender, along with geographical and cultural perspectives.
- f. A world wider than the MSC perspective is essential and so expert and professional representatives from other congregations or organisations are to be sought.

Initial tasks

- a. To consider the existing policies and practices of the MSC General Administration.
- b. To recommend suitable reporting mechanisms to the General Administration applicable to all MSC Entities. Presently it is meeting monthly by Zoom.

Current members are Tina Campbell, Mary Tallon, James Espuerta MSC and Tim Brennan MSC

| *Tim Brennan, MSC*

SHORT NEWS

Congratulations to all the new Provincials



Gilles Savard, MSC
Canada



Michael Huber, MSC
South Germany - Austria




Edwin Borlasa, MSC
Philippines



Dieter Afhüppe, MSC
North Germany

CONGRATULATIONS



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