

FAIRHAVEN PROVINCIAL NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Pentecost Sunday (May 11) the **Congregation For Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life** issued the document “*The Service of Authority and Obedience (Faciem Tuam Domine Requiram) Your Face O Lord I Seek*” (Ps27:8). In the introductory remarks it states that the “pilgrim seeking the meaning of life... even though unconsciously seeks the face of the Lord....In the culture of Western Society the value of the respect for the dignity of the human person positively fosters the person’s free development and autonomy and it requires new ways of conceiving authority and relating to it. Some concern for the present cultural influence would be:

- The desire for **self-realization** which at times can enter into conflict with community projects...
- The search for **personal well being** which can make it difficult to render dedication to the common mission....and
- **Visions of the Charism which are too subjective** which can weaken fraternal sharing and collaboration...

...While all in the community are called to seek what is pleasing to the Lord and to obey Him, some are called, usually temporarily, to exercise the particular task of being the sign of unity and the guide in the common search both personal and communitarian of carrying out the will of God. This is service to authority... The document hopes to offer help and encouragement to all those called to witness to the primacy of God through free obedience to His will and to live their yes to the Lord in joy.”

At the SS.CC. 37th General Chapter in 2006, in our document on the **Service of Authority**, it promotes awareness of **active interdependence**. One of the aspects is for Provincials, Vice-Provincials and Regional Governments to assume responsibility for relations between the leaders and the community for interdependence.

In our **Constitutions, Article 91** states that those who exercise authority:

- be concerned for fostering the development of the personality and well-being of each brother.
- to animate the community in the task of discerning the will of God and to put it into practice and to foster the “family spirit.”
- to encourage the fulfillment of our mission more than mere observance of rules.
- to promote solidarity between the different parts of the Congregation and to establish the necessary bonds with organizations and movements within the Church and society.

The Provincial Government is committed to these ideals.

Faternally in the Sacred Hearts,



Bill Petrie, ss.cc.

ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. David Lupo is on a sabbatical renewal program, May 2008
Fr. Tom McElroy appointed pastor, St. Joseph's Church, Fairhaven, May 2008
Fr. William Penderghest appointed pastor, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harlingen, TX , July 2008
Fr. Alphonsus McHugh appointed parochial vicar, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Harlingen, TX, July 2008
Fr. Emilio Vega Garcia appointed parochial vicar, Sacred Heart Church, Edinburg, TX, July 2008
Fr. Alfredo Garcia returning to Spain for a visit; in residence at Sacred Heart Church, Edinburg, TX, September 2008
Fr. James McDonough returning to Japan, September 2008
Fr. Stan Kolasa appointed Director of Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, September 2008
Fr. Chris Santangelo appointed pastor, Our Lady of the Assumption, New Bedford, September 2008
Bro. Damien O'Hare retiring to Damien Residence, July 14, 2008
Fr. Fintan Sheeran appointed Pre-novitiate Director/Director of Formation, 2008-2009

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Fr. Ben Folger entered St. Luke's Hospital in May for a surgical procedure to remove an infected bone. He is presently undergoing several weeks of rehabilitation at New Bedford Rehab. Fr. Ben hopes to return to Damien Residence within two weeks.

Please pray for the continued successful recovery of **Fr. Michael Narita** in Japan.

Fr. Bob Charlton's father, who had been seriously ill, is now enjoying a speedy recovery.

Fr. Fred Meyers continues his stay at San Juan Nursing Home in Texas.

Please pray for the brother of **Bro. Joseph Pasala** who had brain surgery.

MAY 30, 2008 JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The final day of the Annual SS.CC. Retreat, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, concluded with the Jubilee celebrations. Present for the occasion were: **Bro. Damien O'Hare, Fr. Columban Crotty, Fr. Bill Heffron, Fr. Jim McDonough, and Fr. Pat Fanning.** Check out www.sccc.org for a jubilee picture.

In the USA West Province, congratulations go to **Fr. Mike Barry** on his 50th anniversary of profession. A celebration during the USA West Chapter, on Wednesday, June 11, will also jubilate **Frs. Richard McNally, Bill Moore and Rich Danyluk** on their 40th anniversaries of profession.



WITH GRATITUDE FROM FR. EUGENE



Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB, our retreat preacher from St. Meinrad's Abbey in Indiana wrote, "I really enjoyed being with you all during the retreat. I always take as much away from these retreats as I give. I learn a great deal by listening to folks who have been in such diverse ministries as your folks are. Thanks much for inviting me to give the retreat."

USA WEST PROVINCIAL CHAPTER, JUNE 9, 2008

The Provincial Chapter will be held at the Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, California. In attendance will be **Fr. Javier**, Superior General, and **Fr. Richard McNally**, General Councillor. The two USC Provincials, **Fr. Chris Keahi** and **Fr. Bill Petrie** will also be present. **Fr. Stan Kolasa** is the chapter facilitator and **Fr. Tom McElroy**, who gave the annual retreat for the West Coast Province, will remain for the chapter. This is a chapter of election, which will be held on Tuesday, June 10. The agenda includes discussions with the superior general, the implementation of chapter decisions, and service of authority in addition to regular business of the province.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Fr. Stephen Banjare was ordained on Monday, April 28, 2008 at St. Mary's Church in Kolkata, India. Representing the East Coast Province was **Fr. Bill Penderghest**, who also attended Stephen's first Mass in another state, Andhra Pradesh.

Fr. Brian Guerrini was ordained on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at Our Lady of Grace Church Artesia, NM. SS.CC. visitors were **Frs. Donal McCarthy, Peadar Cronin, John Roche, Bill Petrie** and **Richard Lifrak**. Along with the SS.CC. Sisters, **Damien Dang, Marie Lemert, Marie Dominic Reantoso**, and **Frs. Paul Murtagh** and **Chris Santangelo**, a significant SS.CC. experience took place.



A NEW SS.CC. HOUSE ESTABLISHED



On Sunday, June 15, 2008, there will be the inauguration of the Damien Residence at Phulankhara, India at 9:30 AM. The Mass and blessing will be offered by Archbishop Rafael Cheenath, S.V.D. along with Regional Superior **Fr. David Reid**. This property will be used for the leprosy projects and for developing SS.CC. works in the state of Orissa, India.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

The following greeting was received from **Fr. Harry Meyer**, OSCO: "All of you are very much in my thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Being able to visit Fairhaven and Wareham was and continues to be a very special and moving experience for me... also my time with **Fr. Roy** was such a blessing for me, I pray for him too. ...As I told my community in my presentation to them, I have made many journeys in my years as a religious, but this one was the outstanding. My deepest gratitude to you and my SS.CC. brothers and warmest Aloha and prayers always."

SUMMER VISITORS

Fr. Hilbar Loyaga Mendez arrived from Ecuador on May 8, 2008 to spend six months in sabbatical study.
Fr. Michael Shanahan arrives from India on June 10, 2008 to assist with Mission Appeal talks
Fr. David Reid arrives from India on June 26, 2008 for a one-month stay
Fr. Richard McNally arrives from Rome on July 3 for a two-month stay

SACRED HEARTS COMMUNITIES IN COLLABORATION

All religious communities connected with the Charism of the Sacred Heart will have representatives at the meeting on July 11-13, 2008 at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marysville, Maryland. **Fr. David Reid** will be one of the guest speakers. For further information, please write [www. bonsecours.org](http://www.bonsecours.org).

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- For those in parishes, please return your “parish profile” before the June 24 Provincial Council Meeting.
- The Eucharistic Congress will be held June 15-20, 2008 in Quebec, Canada
- Paul Landin and Isagani Tubera had a “Come and See” with **Fr. Richard Lifrak** on May 3-4, 2008
- Pastoral year students **Bros. Manoj, Balakrishna & Joseph** have returned to the Philippines. Thank you for your ministry.
- The following letter was distributed at the Annual Retreat:

UPDATE **USA EAST COAST PROVINCE 2007 ASSEMBLY**

Dear Brothers,

Following are the developments that are taking place on the recommendations to the Provincial Council. The process is ongoing. Your comments and input will always be appreciated.

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS TO OUR PROVINCIAL COUNCIL:

- 1) **As of this Assembly, November 26-30, 2007, for future planning, those who are considered available for full time ministry are those who will be no older than 75 years of age six years from now. Therefore, the number of men available for full-time ministry, with the understanding that we are looking at corporate ministry and commitment is TWELVE.**

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING

- 2) **The Province Commitment is that we accept the responsibility for a specific Apostolate and agree to adequately staff the Apostolate, for an agreed amount of time and to replace the personnel as needed**

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING

- 3) **The Vocation Director, who will be in Full-Time Service to the Province, will come from the group of brothers who are age 69 or under**

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING - RICHARD LIFRAK

- 4) **The Directors of Damien Residence & Wareham will be in full-time service to the Province with the understanding that they have the flexibility to perform other services, provided the ministry to which they have been appointed fulltime has been appropriately covered and fulfilled.**

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING

- 5) **Taking into consideration the discussions we had at the November 2007 Assembly, we recommend that the council reconsider the formation program as it currently exists in our Province.**

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING – FINTAN TO WRITE UP A PROFILE OF FORMATION AND CURRENTLY TO CONTINUE AS THE PRE-NOVIATE DIRECTOR/DIRECTOR OF FORMATION FOR 2008-2009

- 6) The Province will develop a Spirituality Center Ministry, using the Retreat Center located in Wareham as a support, and will commit full-time personnel in service to that ministry; we recommend that two to three brothers be assigned to full-time ministry in the Retreat Wareham Apostolate

IMPLEMENTATION: IN PROCESS

- 7) The Province will commit to the Parochial Apostolate for the next six years with men in full-time service under the age of 69. We further recommend that eight to nine brothers be assigned to full-time ministry in the Parochial Apostolate

IMPLEMENTATION: OPERATING ON THIS UNDERSTANDING...BUT NEEDS REVISION

- 8) Encourage the Provincial Council to continue to find ways to develop area communities but take responsibility ourselves to find ways to use Area Communities to develop our interpersonal relationships

IMPLEMENTATION: IN PROCESS

- 9) We acknowledge that living in local community is our ordinary and normative way of life and, in response to the call of the General Chapter that we revitalize our communal life, we recommend that the Provincial Council:

Call us to take responsibility for the quality of our life in our local communities;

Support local communities by providing necessary and/or desired educational programs focused on the dynamics of community life;

Discuss during Provincial visitation times the needs and experiences of the particular local community; and

Take concrete action to establish local communities within the areas where our Apostolic Ministries are to be developed.

IMPLEMENTATION: IN PROCESS

- 10) The council create a time line concerning the follow-up on the recommendations and they report that time line with the entire province.

IMPLEMENTATION: IN PROCESS

- 11) The council create a reporting instrument asking local areas to report back to them to send a profile of their local area and that the local community spend time processing what happened here and what they must do in terms of their local area

IMPLEMENTATION: IN PROCESS

AGENDA POINTS UNDER PRESENT AND FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

The next step of our process is to have those involved with parish ministry fill out the "parish profile" which has been submitted by Martin Gomes. As a reminder, the agenda we are following from the Assembly Recommendations are:

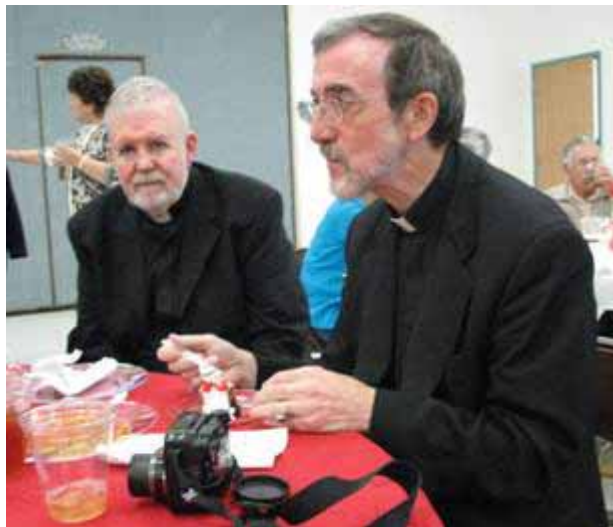
- A. Wareham Spirituality Center (2-3 Brothers)
- B. Parochial Ministries (8-9 Brothers)
- C. Area Communities
- D. Local Communities and their quality of life; support necessary for the development of these
- E. Timeline and report to Province
- F. Local Profiles and the instrument needed to receive these

*Thank you for your cooperation and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide us.
Fraternally in the Sacred Hearts,
Bill Petrie, ss.cc.*

ORDINATION OF FR. BRIAN GUERRINI, SS.CC. MAY 14, 2008



NEWLY ORDAINED FR. BRIAN GUERRINI AT A RECEPTION
WITH HIS SISTER-IN-LAW AND BROTHER



USA WEST PROVINCIAL DONAL MCCARTHY AND FR. PEADAR CRONIN SHARE A CONVERSATION

*To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Honor & Glory*