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## Message from the Provincial

A very talented young Italian lad by the name of Nino Marzoli planned to become a professional soccer player in Italy. His broken leg began a journey down another road. He eventually became a Resurrectionist priest and later the Auxiliary Bishop of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. A very talented French Canadian lad from New Brunswick planned to be a professional hockey player. During his time with an injured leg he convalesced by playing the guitar and developing his wonderful singing voice. His name is Roch Voisine. A very talented Spaniard planned to become a professional soccer player. Someone handed him a guitar during his time with a broken leg and he discovered he could sing. His name is Julio Iglesias. All these men discovered treasures within that were not visible to the naked eye.

As we continue this journey of faith as religious and lay people, one of the questions that we stand in front of is: are we in search of or have we yet discovered our most precious treasure? Are we open to the Holy Spirit calling and directing us in new ways? Are we open to discovering the treasure within that will bring us life's deepest joy?

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is such a wonderful gift to our Church and our Resurrectionist Community. During our General Chapter meetings in Rome, in June of this year, thirty Resurrectionists from around the world were privileged to experience his hospitality in the private audience he gave to us at the Vatican. I believe we were all moved to discover him ever more deeply as our Shepherd, our leader, our mentor, our guide, our pastor and our beloved brother. We all had a moment where our new Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, introduced us to Pope Francis and we shook his hand and looked him in the eye. This was a moment of Grace, a moment of Peace, a moment of Joy. His compassionate, loving presence invited us to find our deepest treasure within, yet to be discovered, so that we may know the joy of being a People of the Risen Lord.

Fr. Murray McDermott, CR  
Provincial Superior



## Our New Superior General

The Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection is proud and excited to announce the election of Father Paul S. Voisin, CR, as our new Superior General. Fr. Paul, a member of the Ontario-Kentucky Province who has ministered in Bermuda for the last nine years, was elected to lead the Congregation for a six year term during the recent General Chapter in Rome. Congratulations, Fr. Paul. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you and give you strength and courage as you lead the Congregation for the next six years.

*Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, making his Profession of Faith*

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# Spiritual BENEFITS



## General Chapter Reflections

By Very Rev. Paul S. Voisin, CR

The General Chapter is the highest authority in the life of the Congregation of the Resurrection. It takes place every six years and brings together Resurrectionists from each jurisdiction - the Polish Province, the USA Province, the Ontario-Kentucky Province, and the South American Region. The theme of the Thirty-Third Chapter was "Witnesses to the Resurrection: from Community to the world". The Chapter of two weeks - June 11 to 25 - began with a Day of Prayer, and the next day we began receiving the Reports of each of the members of the General Council - the Superior General, the Vicar General, the Econom General and the Secretary General, as well as the Procurator and Postulator Generals. Then the Provincial and Regional Superiors presented their Reports. Of particular importance in all of these Reports is how the Action Resolutions of the 2011 General Chapter have been fulfilled for the good of the Congregation and its members.

The next important activity, which took up the majority of the time of the Chapter Delegates, was the articulation and acceptance of the Action Resolutions of the Chapter, the new mandate for the General Council that will take them to 2023. The Delegates were divided into the following groups: Spirituality, Apostolate, Formation, Community and Government, and Finance. Proposals came from Community members in regard to these areas of the life of the Resurrectionist Community, as well as the informed expertise and experience of the Delegates. At the end of the Chapter each group presented Action Resolutions for the future, which were voted on and (if passed) were added to the new document for the Congregation's implementation on a General, Provincial/Regional, and local level. As well, approved changes to the Constitutions were added.

One of the important activities of the General Chapter was the election of the General Council. On Thursday, June 15, the election of the Superior General took place. As you may have heard, I was elected to that position, to serve six years as "Elder Brother" of the Congregation. I immediately made my Profession of Faith and began my service to the Congregation as Superior General. The next week the elections took place for the other members of the Council: Rev. Evandro Miranda Rosa, of the South American Region, was elected Vicar General; Rev. Jacek Praski, of the USA Province, and Rev. Andrzej Gieniusz, of the Polish Province, were elected as Councillors. They will serve as Secretary General and Econom General, respectively. Fr. Evandro also serves as Procurator General (liaison with the Vatican Congregations), and Fr. Andrzej as Postulator General (advocate for the beatification of Resurrectionists, beginning with the founders).



*Participants of the General Chapter*

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*Pope Francis meeting Resurrectionists at the Vatican*

On Saturday, June 24, the Chapter delegates, and other local Resurrectionists, had a forty-five minute Private Audience with Pope Francis in the Apostolic Palace of the Vatican. After the entrance of the Holy Father I greeted him, and then went to a microphone to address the Holy Father on behalf of all the Resurrectionists. I first spoke in Spanish, and followed up each sentence with the English translation. Then, as it was noon, the Pope led us in the praying of the Angelus. Then he spoke to us in Italian, beautifully reflecting the theme of our Chapter, and encouraging us in our mission. From his words one would have thought that he had been present in our meetings, as they spoke directly to our heart and reflected our sharing. Then I spoke with him again privately (at which time he said I spoke Spanish well), and then introduced him to each Resurrectionist there. He was so present to each and every one of us, hearing about our work and life. One even asked for a hug (which he received)! Photos were taken throughout the Audience by a Vatican photographer.

The Thirty-Third General Chapter concluded on Sunday, June 25 with a Mass which I celebrated and preached at; this was followed by lunch. In the following days Resurrectionists headed home to Austria, Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Poland and the United States of America.



*General Curia: Very Rev. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR; Very Rev. Paul Voisin, CR; Very Rev. Jacek Praski, CR; Very Rev. Andrzej Gieniusz, CR*

On a more personal note, this was my third General Chapter. I participated in the General Chapter of 2005, only three months after beginning to serve as Provincial Superior. Then in 2011 I was also a delegate of the Ontario-Kentucky Province. It is a great honour to serve my brothers in Community as Superior General. It is also a humbling experience, as one realizes the weight of this responsibility to be spiritual leader of the Resurrectionists working for the resurrection of society throughout the world. Please keep me in your prayers!

P.S. My words directed to Pope Francis were:

*"Esteemed Holy Father, we, the members of the Thirty-Third General Chapter of the Congregation of the Resurrection, are grateful that you have had the time to meet with us. It seemed to me, Your Holiness, that you were with us various times as we reflected and deliberated on your words, especially in relation to the virtues of mercy and compassion. We are the Witnesses to the Resurrection, the sons of Bogdan Jański. We want to go to the world to announce the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus. This Chapter has given us an opportunity to renew our commitment to religious life, to the vows, to prayer, and to fraternity in community. Renewed in Christ, then, we can go to bring hope and work for the resurrection of society in the world. I believe, Holy Father, that every priest in the world was inspired by your words that we must "smell like our sheep". I believe we discovered during the Chapter that we must also smell like our brothers. (He smiled.) Holy Father, when you came out on the balcony of St. Peter's after your election, you asked for prayers for yourself. Today we commit ourselves to pray for you. At the same time, I ask you, Holy Father, for your prayers for the Resurrectionists in the world, that we may be faithful to our charism of hope to work for the resurrection of society".*

To see the video of the Pope's address to the Resurrectionists, please go to <https://youtu.be/AYXVoEia021>. If you would prefer a printed copy, please contact us at [admin@resurrectioncollege.ca](mailto:admin@resurrectioncollege.ca).

# Words of Pope Francis to the Resurrectionists

By Deborah C. Lubov, Vatican Correspondent

“Do not yield to nostalgia, but be men who, moved by faith in the God of history and of life, proclaim the coming of the dawn amid the darkness of the night.”

Pope Francis gave these words of encouragement to the participants in the 32nd General Chapter of the Congregation of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Resurrectionists) the morning of Saturday, June 24, 2017. The General Chapter took place in Rome, June 11-25, 2017, on the theme: “Witnesses of the Presence of the Risen Lord: from Community to the World.”

Francis reminded them that as spiritual sons of Bogdan Jański, the apostle of Polish émigrés in France in the 19th Century, their order was founded in order to testify that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ “is at the basis of the Christian life, to proclaim the need for personal resurrection, and to support the community in its mission of service to the Kingdom of God.” With this in mind, the Pope reflected with them on three particular phrases.

## Witnesses of the Presence of the Risen Lord:

This first phrase, he noted, could be summarized in a word, “missionaries,” apostles of the Living One, proposing to them Mary Magdalene, as an icon, when on Easter morning, after having encountered the risen Jesus, she proclaimed Him to the other disciples. “Nostalgia for a past that was rich in vocations and impressive achievements must not prevent you from seeing the life that the Lord is causing to blossom, today too, in your midst,” he said. “Do not yield to nostalgia, but be men who, moved by faith in the God of history and of life, proclaim the coming of the dawn amid the darkness of the night (cf. Is 21:11-12). Men of contemplation, who, with the eyes of the heart fixed on the Lord, can see what others, caught up in the concerns of this world, cannot, but must proclaim boldly and joyously Jesus Christ is alive and is Lord.”

## From Community to the World:

Like the disciples of Emmaus, allow the Risen One to walk at your side, the Pope encouraged. This encounter, he explained, will make them run once more, “filled with joy and without delay, to the community, and from the community to the entire world, in order to tell others that ‘The Lord is risen indeed!’” Those who believe in the Risen One, Pope Francis stressed, have the courage to “go forth” and bring to others the Good



News of the Resurrection, embracing the risks of testimony, even as the Apostles did. “How many people are waiting for this joyful proclamation! It is not right for us to deprive them of it. If the Resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty and our most precious treasure, how can we not run to proclaim it to others?”

## Prophets of Joy and of Easter Hope:

The Risen Lord, Francis stressed, poured out upon His disciples two forms of consolation: interior joy and the light of the paschal mystery. “The joy of recognizing the presence of the Risen Jesus draws you into his Person and his will: for this very reason, it leads to mission,” he said, adding, “The light of the paschal mystery brings new hope, a ‘trustworthy hope,’ as Pope Benedict XVI has said (Spe Salvi, 2).”

## Still Relevant Advice:

Francis then repeated to them what he often said to consecrated persons, especially during the Year of Consecrated Life: “Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and embrace the future with hope. A grateful memory of the past: not archaeology, because charism is always a well-spring of living water, not a bottle of distilled water. A passion for maintaining ever alive and young our first love, who is Jesus. Hope, in the knowledge that Jesus is with us and guides our steps, even as he guided the steps of our founders.”

Pope Francis concluded, giving them his blessing and reminding them to pray for him.

## Meeting Pope Francis - Visiting "the Bridge"

By Fr. Toby Collins, CR

Sometimes people refer to the Church as a large ship. During our 33rd General Chapter our part of the ship had a large meeting table filled with Resurrectionists from around the world. I got to listen and take notes so that we could accurately document what was happening. We covered very earthy topics like how to offer hospitality at our House in Rome, and we also reached for the stars when discussing the limitless possibilities we now have in our Tanzanian mission. But what truly brought us together like little boys on Christmas morning was the gift of Pope Francis' presence and words of encouragement when we went to visit the bridge of the ship that is our Church.



Fr. Toby Collins, CR receiving a blessing from Pope Francis.

The 30 minutes we had with him went by in the blink of an eye and we all listened, laughed and pondered in our hearts what this new encounter might mean. Sure, we had briefed him a little on our community, but it was Pope Francis, himself, who offered genuine words of solidarity and encouragement as he looked up and even veered twice from the text he was reading. The first time, with a knowing smile, he reminded us to be there for our brothers in community - "not just the ones we like to be around but the ones that God is sending to us." The second time was more serious. He said that Mary Magdalene, and the women who witnessed the Resurrection with her, were women on the move. They abandoned their nests and took great risks to ensure that the message of Christ's Resurrection would reach the Apostles and so many others. Now looking straight at us he repeated the phrase "take risks" and encouraged us to "run once again."

Now that I have had some time to process his words and reflect

upon thanking him personally for his amazing leadership, I can say I was, and remain, filled with joy and gratitude. Joy because it just rubs off on you as Pope Francis radiates it so powerfully and humbly. I don't know how else to say it other than that you just get really happy when he is in the room. When making eye contact, he gives you his complete attention and you feel his genuine concern for your wellbeing. All I could say over and again was "thank you" as I reacted to meeting the man behind documents that continue to inspire me such as *Laudato Si'*. And he doesn't seem to shy away from anything as he had no problem with me giving him a hug. In fact the Swiss Guards told us beforehand that the only thing we should not do is kneel before him as "this makes Pope Francis very uncomfortable."

All of this to say that we are so blessed as a community to have our part on such a large and beautiful ship. And we even got to visit "the Bridge!" I wasn't taking notes during this part of the Chapter but I can tell you that I saw and felt in a permanent way that this ship is truly in God's hands. And I have new found confidence that we will all continue to rise above despair itself whenever we trust in and run out to share the message that Christ has truly risen. Or as Fr. Tim Uniacke stated it simply in our Chapter YouTube video: "being the Resurrectionists we are supposed to be."

To see the Youtube video of Resurrectionists meeting Pope Francis, go to:

<https://youtu.be/Qit8tmL3d64>



## Our Jubilarians

A special celebration was held at St. Francis Parish in Kitchener on May 25th to honour the Jubilarians of the Ontario-Kentucky Province for 2017. Fr. Murray McDermott, CR, Provincial Superior, presided at a Mass which was attended by the Jubilarians, clergy, guests, and parishioners of St. Francis Parish. Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR, celebrating 25 years as a priest, was the homilist.

In our last issue, we highlighted three of our Jubilarians for 2017 -- Fr. Edwin Lapinski, CR (65 years); Fr. Chester Chmurzynski, CR (60 years) and Brother Edward Benson, CR (50 years). Three of the priests we are highlighting in this issue are celebrating 40 years of priesthood. They were ordained together at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener, on May 14, 1977. We are also highlighting Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR, who is celebrating 25 years as a priest.

### Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR

Celebrating 25 Years of Ordained Priesthood



*Fr. Murray McDermott, CR with Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR*

Born in Ponta Delgada, São Miguel in the Azores, José Maria (Joseph) Aguiar deViveiros moved with his family to North Bay, Ontario as a young boy. After completing secondary school at Scollard Hall in North Bay, Fr. Joseph studied at St. Jerome's University and attained a B.Math. He entered the Congregation of the Resurrection and professed first vows on August 15, 1987 in Woodstock, Illinois. After achieving an M.Div and a Master of Religious Education from the University of Toronto, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 1, 1992 in North Bay, with Most Rev. Jean Louis Plouffe officiating.

Fr. Joseph began his ministry at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. In 1994 he attained a teaching certificate from the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto. He began a teaching career at Assumption College in Brantford. He also taught at Cardinal Newman Secondary School in Toronto. In 2001-2002, Fr. Joseph was asked to serve as Director of Liturgy for World Youth Day, held in Toronto in 2002. He also served as a consultant to the Catholic Office of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Toronto. In 2005, Fr. Joseph was named Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener. Along with being pastor, Fr. Joseph was a sectional lecturer at Regis College at Toronto School of Theology in Toronto. In 2015, he took on the additional responsibility as Spiritual Animator for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. A lover of good Liturgy, Fr. Joseph has served his religious community as Master of Ceremony at many community Masses and events. He also serves as Provincial Councillor and works on various committees. In August, Fr. Joseph was granted a one year sabbatical.

Congratulations, Fr. Joseph, and thank you for the many gifts that you have shared over the past 25 years. May God bless your sabbatical and your future ministry.

### Rev. Murray McDermott, CR

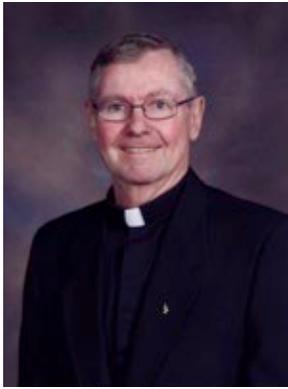
Celebrating 40 Years of Ordained Priesthood



*Fr. Murray with Fr. Chester Chmurzynski, CR, fellow jubilarian*

Murray Francis McDermott was born and grew up in Waterloo, Ontario and attended St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener. On August 22, 1968 he professed first vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection in Dundas, Ontario. He professed final vows at St. Aloysius Church in Kitchener on September 8, 1974, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 14, 1977 at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener. Fr. Murray began work for the Perth County Children's Aid Society in 1979 and began a lifelong friendship with L'Arche, Stratford. He also worked at St. Aloysius on weekends for several years and preached for Food for the Poor on a part-time basis. In 2014, Fr. Murray retired from the Children's Aid Society after 35 years of dedicated service. Fr. Murray served the Community in administration, as House Superior, Provincial Councillor and Vicar Provincial. In 2014, he was elected Provincial Superior of the Ontario-Kentucky Province, and was re-elected to serve another three year term earlier this year.

Congratulations, Fr. Murray, on your 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Ad multos annos.



**Rev. Patrick McKelvie, CR**  
Celebrating 40 Years of Ordained Priesthood

Patrick Leonard McKelvie was born and raised in Kitchener, where he attended both elementary and high school. After completing his studies at St. Jerome's High School, he entered the Congregation of the Resurrection. He professed first vows in Dundas, Ontario on September 8, 1964. Ten years later, on September 8, 1974, he

*Fr. Pat McKelvie, CR*

professed perpetual vows. On May 14, 1977, he was ordained to the priesthood, along with Fr. Murray McDermott and Fr. Paul Voisin. The celebration took place at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener, with Bishop Brian Hennessy, CR officiating.

Fr. Pat spent the early years of his priesthood as Chaplain of St. Jerome's College in Waterloo, and was the Vocation Coordinator for the Ontario-Kentucky Province. In 1981 he became Associate Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener and in 1983 was named Director of Southdown Aftercare Ministry. Fr. Pat was the House Superior of Resurrection House in Toronto for several years, and pursued graduate studies at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, Missouri. He earned an M.A. in Pastoral Studies. In 1992, Fr. Pat moved to Bermuda, where he served at St. Theresa's Cathedral and St. Michael's Parish. He returned to Canada in 1999 and currently resides at Resurrection Manor in Waterloo. With his green thumb, Fr. Pat keeps the Manor flower beds looking beautiful and grows the best tomatoes in the area.

Congratulations, Fr. Pat, on your 40th anniversary of ordination, and may the Lord bless you always.

**Rev. Paul Voisin, CR**

Celebrating 40 Years of Ordained Priesthood



*Fr. Paul Voisin, CR being congratulated by Fr. Murray McDermott, CR*

Paul Stanley Voisin was born and raised in Kitchener, Ontario. After graduating from St. Jerome's High School, Fr. Paul entered the Congregation of the Resurrection. He professed first vows in the Congregation on September 8, 1974 at St. Aloysius Church, Kitchener, and perpetual vows at St. Pius X

Church, Brantford on March 25, 1977. Fr. Paul was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Church, Kitchener on May 14, 1977, along with Fr. Pat McKelvie, CR and Fr. Murray McDermott, CR. His first assignment after ordination was as Associate Pastor of St. Francis Church, Kitchener. In 1980, he was named Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Brantford. Feeling a call to work in the missions, Fr. Paul moved to Bolivia in 1983, where he spent 13 years working as Associate Pastor and Pastor of San Miguel Parish in La Paz, House Superior and Rector of the House of Formation in Cochabamba. He also served as General Director of St. Andrew's School in La Paz. After returning from Bolivia in 1996, Fr. Paul spent a sabbatical year studying at Regis College in Toronto. For four years he served as Pastor of the Spanish parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Kitchener. He also served as the Vocation Director for the Ontario-Kentucky Province. Fr. Paul was Pastor of St. Francis Parish in Kitchener from 2000-2005, when he was elected Provincial Superior of the Ontario-Kentucky Province. When his three year term was completed, Fr. Paul was assigned as Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Bermuda. He was Vicar General of the diocese and most recently served as Rector of St. Theresa's Cathedral. In June of this year, Fr. Paul was elected to lead the international Congregation as Superior General for a six year term.

Congratulations, Fr. Paul on your 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, and God's blessings as you begin this new chapter of your life and ministry.

**Apostles of the Resurrection**

A gathering was held on July 22 on the feast day of St. Mary Magdalene, patron saint of the Apostles of the Resurrection. Approximately 30 people attended the gathering, hosted by Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR at St. Agatha Parish. Fr. Toby Collins, CR showed a short video about the experience of the General Chapter and meeting Pope Francis. He led a liturgy of the Word and Marianna Worth, one of the Apostles of the Resurrection and Chaplain at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School in Kitchener, was invited to give a reflection. Marianna shared some amazing insights as she offered a reflection on



*Marianna Worth giving a reflection*

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Mary Magdalene's relationship with Christ and what Mary's response to witnessing the Resurrection would have been like.

The gathering concluded with a wonderful lunch and fellowship in the church hall. The next gathering will be on September 16th at St. Stanislaus Parish in Hamilton. If you are interested in learning more

about the Apostles of the



## Anniversary Celebrations in Bermuda

By Fr. Sudie MacDonald, CR

On the weekend of Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11, two Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations took place in Hamilton Bermuda: one was the 50th anniversary of priestly ordination of Bishop Robert Kurtz, CR and the other was the 50th anniversary of Bermuda becoming a Diocese within the Antilles Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Church. Both were joyous celebrations liturgically with combined choirs from the diocese, the presence of the Metropolitan Archbishop Pinder from Nassau and the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Girasoli, the priests and two permanent deacons of the diocese, as well as many lay people, and myself representing the Ontario-Kentucky Province. Fr. Murray McDermott, Provincial Superior, and Fr. Paul Voisin, Vicar General and Pastor of St. Theresa's Cathedral, had already left for the General Chapter which began in Rome on June 11, and one of the deacons in Bermuda was in England for a significant anniversary of his medical class.



*Bishop Robert Kurtz, CR, cutting his anniversary cake*

Ceremonies began for Bishop Robert's 50th anniversary of ordination with a spectacular dinner sponsored by a friend of the diocese at La Trattoria Restaurant in downtown Hamilton for about 60 guests of Bishop Robert, plus the clergy and religious of Bermuda. It was a real Italian festive dinner with six antipasti dishes, a tris di pasta, and five entrées. This was accompanied by salads, potato dishes and followed by a large selection of Italian desserts and coffees. Everything was delicious and the service was excellent. Bishop Robert's celebration continued with a Mass in St. Theresa's Cathedral on Saturday morning presided by Bishop Robert and celebrated by Archbishops Girasoli and Pinder, Bishop Wes Śpiewak and the priests of the diocese. Bishop Ewan Ratteray, Anglican Bishop Emeritus of Bermuda, was in attendance in the Sanctuary. The choir directors of St. Theresa's and St. Patrick's joined in the choir direction and there was a

combined choir from the diocese singing. It was an upbeat and joyful Mass of praise and thanksgiving. Following the Mass, a reception was held for all in the parish hall.

Right after the reception, Archbishops Girasoli and Pinder and I went by ferry to Dockyards to take in the races for the America's Cup that day. We had graciously received tickets courtesy of members of my extended family, Kim and Mike Burns. We witnessed the defeat of Sweden by New Zealand, occasioned by the Swedish helmsman falling overboard during the third race. Nevertheless, we did see the end of the second race right from the finish line. We returned to Hamilton by bus, and the two archbishops were delighted to see the Cup races as well as to experience the beautiful Bermuda landscape both by water and South Shore road.

There was only one Sunday morning Mass at St. Theresa's on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Bermuda's becoming a diocese on Sunday, June 11. Archbishop Pinder presided and Archbishop Girasoli preached while Bishop Wes and Bishop Robert were main concelebrants. The priests present concelebrated, and Bishop Nicholas Dill, Anglican Bishop of Bermuda, was present in the Sanctuary. Deacon David Swain and Deacon Andrew Moulder were again deacons for the Mass as they were for Bishop Kurtz' anniversary. The choir did its magic as it had the day before. Archbishop Girasoli during his very dynamic homily also brought greetings from Pope Francis to the Diocese for the occasion.



*Bishop Wes Śpiewak enjoying the anniversary reception*

The liturgy was followed by a reception for all in the parish hall. As they had done the day before, the Portuguese Bakery made its famous homemade soups which were enjoyed by all, and they again made the sandwiches and special doughnuts called "malasadas". One of the ladies baked a special "Birthday Cake" for the 50th anniversary. In the evening, a dinner was



Fr. Sudie MacDonald, CR, at the jubilee reception

held at a South Shore Golf course for about 70 people involved in the various parishes. Again, it was a culinary delight with one of the owners who is chief chef of the Bella Vista Restaurant and Bonefish Restaurant at Dockyards coming to prepare the meal. It began with hors d'oeuvres and spumante, which were offered by the restaurant, on a terrace overlooking the course and the ocean. Then there was a banquet with a selection of beef or seafood prepared according to choice along with various salads and condiments. A large choice of desserts and coffees brought the celebration to a conclusion.

As a conclusion to my visit, I celebrated my 75th birthday in Bermuda the following Thursday. Mike and Kim took me to lunch at the Bermuda Yacht Club in Hamilton Harbour for another delightful meal. Their girls were able to get off work and join us for cake there. Then in the evening, Bishop Wes took Fr. Vlad and me to The Reefs at a resort on the South Shore Road for again a delightful dinner on a patio overlooking the ocean. This time I went for the seafood, finished off by a rum swizzle cake ordered by the bishop. From the previous Friday night to the end of the Thursday, it seemed as though I did nothing but celebrate and eat, but it was worth every calorie, and of course spiritual benefit!



## The 46th Annual Assembly of the Religious Brothers' Conference

By Brother Edward Benson, CR



I had the opportunity to attend this assembly, held at the Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California from July 17-21st. Forty-five religious brothers from the USA, Canada, Africa, and South America gathered for a time of renewal and fellowship.

Brother Ed Benson, CR

The Keynote Speaker this year was Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, who spoke on the topic of "Ministry at the Margins". Fr. Boyle is the founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. He is the author of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* (2010).

I would encourage all to watch one of his talks on Youtube. If you are interested, Google "Youtube Greg Boyle" and you will see a list of videos of his talks, or click on this TED TALK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipR0kWt1Fkc>

Fr. Boyle has been pastor of a parish that is in between two "projects" (apartment building complexes), housing rival gangs. "Gang members are not running to join gangs. They are running from abuse, fear, poverty and lack of jobs", according to "G", as he is called by the workers at Homeboy Industry and Homegirl Bakery.

He tells us that, "There is no us and them, just us." It would seem that this would apply to all of humanity, if not creation. He encourages us to "seek the God that is, not the god we have made". Here he applies Scripture and our Theology that describes God as merciful, understanding, loving, and willing to suffer and die for others and "stand on the margins with the widow, the orphan, and the voiceless."

One of Fr. Boyle's favourite quotes is by the Prophet Habakkuk. "The vision still has its time, presses onto fulfillment, and it will



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not disappoint; and if it delays, wait for it." He agrees that we don't want to wait too long and so his vision is to create a community of kinship in his ministry to gang members. He believes this community will be recognized by God.

## I have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro! (part two)

In our last issue, I told you of my first experience of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. In February of this year, I went, once again, to Tanzania in the company of Mr. Kazimierz Chrapka, an organist at St. Stanislaus in Hamilton, Mrs. Iwona and Mr. Marek Organiściak of Brantford, two guides, a cook and 13 porters. Government regulations in Tanzania prohibit climbing without the assistance of guides and porters. "Western Breach", a seven-day route, was chosen by us as it is the most difficult and dangerous. Several years ago, it was here that lava flooded a group of American tourists, resulting in the route being closed for a long period of time. Recently re-opened, a special government permit must be obtained to climb it and the weather must be favorable. In the middle of the expedition we climbed during the night a trail designated for mountaineers only. It is very steep and only recommended for the very fit. In the middle of the slope the tourists encounter a rocky ridge like a staircase which requires scrambling up and descending down carefully.



Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR on Mount Kilimanjaro

Our guides, with 25 years of experience, have successfully led groups on this road only four times and the last time was four years ago. Before starting the trip, they suggested a couple of times that we change the route, but we were steadfast in our resolve. We wanted to meet the toughest requirements of the expedition, regardless of the supreme effort and toil. The prize for conquering this difficult route was to arrive and stay for the night in a tent on the top of the crater of the volcano at a height of 5730 meters and admire glaciers that surrounded us. Other groups did not have such an opportunity. At dawn the next day we launched our attack on the highest summit of Kilimanjaro (Uchuru Peak 5895 m and 5756 m Stella Point). After taking some pictures, we immediately had to descend from the top down, nearly 3,000 meters along a difficult route strewn with gravel to stay overnight at the base. This day trip swallowed what remained of our strength and energy.

### What have I learned from the expedition to Mount Kilimanjaro?

- It opened my eyes wider to my faith. Jokingly I said: "I was much closer to God, my Boss." I admired the beauty of nature created by God. We must be grateful to God for the gift of the creation of the world for human beings to enjoy;
- Celebrating daily Mass was the source that gave us the strength and power to continue on our journey despite being exhausted;
- Every morning we started our expedition with prayer. Porters prayed aloud in their tribe's language and we in Polish. We were not ashamed to do that in the presence of many travelers;
- There were many opportunities for meditation and personal prayer. Due to the limited amount of oxygen there is plenty of time for reflection, meditation, contemplation and conversation with God during the long hours of climbing;
- Mountains teach, in a special way, the virtue of humility. There, on the route, I feel that I am such a small man in an immense cosmos around me. On the road, anything can happen, such as disease, a broken leg ... even the death of a tourist. Unexpected wind can come in any moment and spoil and sweep away all my plans and intentions to reach the famous summit of Africa. There I felt so powerless and could not do anything. My pride and human wisdom were stripped and humbled in a fraction of a second. My whole life and walking on this planet earth were totally held in the hands of my providential God. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled ..."
- During the climbing of Mount Kilimanjaro and in every day of my life, I am called to overcome my own weaknesses and limitations through my self-denial and discipline. If I proclaim the Good News of Jesus to my parishioners and other people I must, first of all, lead by example.
- During the climb I had to accept discomfort (for a week there was no water to wash or shave), I ate the local food of poor African people and I had to accept variable weather conditions. One day the weather brought sun, snow, frost, rain and high humidity; therefore, I had no choice but to sleep in a tent in a damp sleeping bag as well as walk in wet shoes. I had blisters on my toes and frostbite on my fingers, but it was a worthwhile price to pay for hiking and climbing to reach the goal of my journey. Watching TV day after day, sitting at the computer for hours, participating in numerous conferences and meetings, a person will never experience what I have experienced on the way to Mount Kilimanjaro.

## Morogoro Formation House

Fr. Andrew Duda, CR, Director of Formation of the seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania, recently sent an update and photos of the progress of the new formation house. The fast progress is due, in great part, to the generous donations that have been received from the Congregation's benefactors. We are very grateful for your help and ongoing support. Fr. Andrew says:

"Warm greetings from Resurrection Formation House in Morogoro! While we are keeping watch and praying with the Apostles before the coming Pentecost, I am sending you more pictures showing the current progress of the construction and also some important events in our formation community in Morogoro.



*Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR with CR sisters and seminarians in the new chapel.*

The house and the roof are ready, walls are plastered and plumbing done. Now the electrician is doing the wiring and I hope next week we will be able to start with tiles and ceilings. In the mean time we have purchased an organ and benches for our chapel.



*Formation house almost completed*

On May 1st our theology student, Philip Justinian, received the Ministry of Lector. On the picture you can see him together with our diocesan bishop Thelesphore Mkude. And yesterday we were happy to welcome to our community the Superior General of the Resurrection Sisters, Mother Dorota, who visited us with general councillor Sr. Donata. We have also received several applications from new candidates. Some of them visited us here. We hope that some of them will start formation later this year. We give thanks to God for His many blessings and also we pray for our benefactors who enable us to complete the construction and to run the formation program.



*Philip Justinian with Bishop Thelesphore Mkude*

Thank you very much again. Keep us also in your prayers.

Yours in our Risen Lord!"

*Fr. Andrew Duda, CR*

## How You Can Help The Missions

Donations in aid of Resurrectionists working in the missions (Brazil and Tanzania) will be gratefully received. It would be helpful if funds are not designated for a particular project or area; this would give the Congregation flexibility to use the money where it is most needed. Please make all cheques payable to Resurrectionist Missions and forward to: Congregation of the Resurrection, 265 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G7. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Where are They Now?

On Sept. 1, 2017, **Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR** will begin a Sabbatical year which will afford him the opportunity to be renewed and replenished in strength, wisdom, knowledge and spirit. We are grateful to Fr. Joseph for his 12 years as Pastor at St. Francis Parish in Kitchener and the dedicated, committed, dynamic and life giving ministry that he lived out during those years. We all look forward to hearing the stories that Fr. Joseph will share with us along the way during his Sabbatical adventures. Fr. Joseph can be reached at St. Agatha Parish, 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha, Ontario N0B 2L0. Phone: 519-747-1212. His email address is: frjosephcr@hotmail.com

**Fr. Sam Restivo, CR** will live at St. Francis Parish with Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, effective August 1, 2017. Fr. Sam will be working part-time at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener as a chaplain in the Spiritual Care Department and will serve as Associate Pastor as well.

**Ed Sikora** begins his one year Novitiate at St. Joseph the Worker house in Chicago beginning on Aug. 14, 2017. He has now completed a one year Pre-Novitiate program by living in Community at St. Mary's Rectory in Kitchener. We are grateful for the ministry of his pre-novitiate director, Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR, who has pioneered the pre-novitiate program in a rectory. We wish Ed many blessings as he explores the spiritual life in a deeper way and discerns the call of God in the midst of the desert of his Novitiate year. Ed's Novice Master will be Bishop Robert Kurtz CR, who retired as Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda a little over a year ago.



*Ed Sikora and Raphael Ma, CR at the Jubilarian Mass*

**Raphael Ma, CR** renewed his temporary vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection on August 15th at Resurrection College. At this ceremony, Raphael renewed his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Congregation for a period of one year. Raphael will continue his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland, and will live with Fr. Jim Donohue, CR. He will begin his 4th and final year of the seminary's theology program in August. Once this is completed, he hopes to profess perpetual vows on August 15, 2018.

## New Appointment



*Fr. Tim Uniac, CR*

The Ontario-Kentucky Province welcomes back Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, who has completed his six year term as Vicar General and Econom General of the Congregation of the Resurrection in Rome. Thank you to Tim for your committed service to the international community.

Fr. Tim has been appointed pastor of St. Francis Parish in Kitchener, Ontario, effective August 1, 2017. He can be reached at St. Francis Parish, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario N2M 4E2. Phone: 519-745-7301.

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