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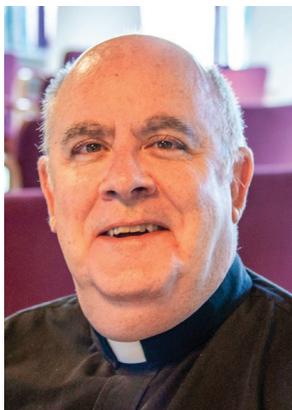
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St. Mary's Parish community garden.

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Message from the Provincial



Father Tim Uniac, CR,
Provincial Superior

I am sitting in my new office staring at a picture given to me by a friend after I was elected Provincial. It is a picture of a mother Loon with her new baby Loon, entitled “New Beginnings”. I am not certain if my friend intended to identify me as the mother Loon or baby Loon, but in either case, it is clearly a new beginning for both mother and baby. And so I, too, find myself at a time of “New Beginnings”, pondering where this new ministry will

take me and what God has in store, not just for me, but for the Ontario-Kentucky Province.

New beginnings can be overwhelming; however, there is strength to be found in the example of others. As I begin my new ministry as Provincial, I turn to the example of Mary Magdalene and find there a woman of extraordinary strength, a woman of deep faith, a dedicated follower of Jesus, and the first in John's Gospel to proclaim the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene was the first Resurrectionist! As I begin a new ministry there is no better person to turn to for inspiration and guidance than Mary Magdalene. I look also to my brothers in consecrated life whose dedication to religious life and ministry inspire me in my new beginnings. Since the founding of our Congregation our members have sought to Resurrect Society, and I am continually inspired by the many examples of Resurrecting Society that my religious brothers model. The Apostles of Resurrection are another source of inspiration, those who wish to share in the ministry of Resurrecting Society. It is encouraging that so many lay people not only desire that the CR's continue the ministry of proclaiming the Resurrection, but that they desire to stand by our side and join us in proclaiming the Resurrection. And last, but by no means least, the many friends and benefactors of the Congregation. Without the spiritual and financial support of so many people the work of Resurrecting Society would not be possible. I pray that we all may continue to work side-by-side as we strive to Resurrect Society.

Father Tim Uniac, CR
Provincial Superior

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In Memoriam

Deacon Phil Tremblay, CR

In last Fall's edition of the Resurrection Bulletin we highlighted the Christmas village of Deacon Phil Tremblay, CR, a resident of Resurrection Manor in Waterloo. Sadly, Deacon Phil died on April 7th after a brief illness. He was 82 years old, in his 62nd year of religious life and his 40th year as an ordained permanent deacon. Deacon Phil would have celebrated 40 years as an ordained deacon on June 21st of this year.

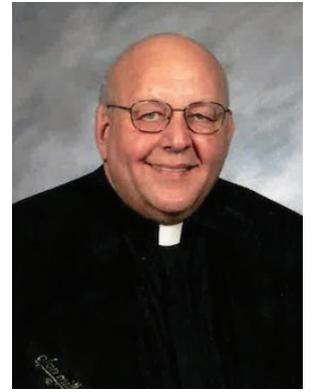
Philip Emery Tremblay was born in the small community of Hawk Junction, about 250km north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. He grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and attended North Bay College. He began his journey in religious life as a religious brother in the Congregation of the Resurrection. From 1958-1965 he was the cook at St. Thomas Scholasticate in London, preparing meals for the 34 seminarians who were studying there. Priests today who were living at St. Thomas at the time remember him as a “fabulous cook”. In 1965, Deacon Phil was assigned to Scollard Hall in North Bay, where he worked as Moderator of the students. He became part of the parish team at St. Aloysius Parish in Kitchener in 1974 and served as coordinator of the Mount Mary retreat program in Ancaster. In 1981, Deacon Phil completed the C.P.E. (Certificate in Pastoral Education) program and took courses in hospital ministry as a member of the Blessed Sacrament, Burford parish team. He was a compassionate and caring minister to the sick and dying at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brantford. Besides hospital ministry, Deacon Phil served at St. Cecilia's, Resurrection, St. Timothy's and Our Lady, Help of Christian Parishes in Kentucky, as well as Blessed Sacrament Parish in Burford and St. Louis Parish in Waterloo. Deacon Phil's special gift was his compassion and comforting presence with the dying and their families.

In 2013, Deacon Phil retired to Resurrection Manor. He was a humorous, feisty, no nonsense, tell it as it is type of person with a generous heart and compassionate soul. Each year he looked forward to assembling his Christmas village and seeing the enjoyment that it brought to so many people.



Deacon Phil was a much-loved brother to Jean (Ray) LeBlanc and Rod (Carole) Tremblay, beloved Uncle Emery to many nieces and nephews, and a great friend. Family members and friends recalled that he was with them during their saddest and happiness of times, and offered love and guidance to everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and all to whom he ministered.

Deacon Phil was cremated and was buried in the family plot in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. May he rest in peace.



Deacon Phil Tremblay, CR





Provincial Treasurer Retires

By Fr. Murray McDermott, CR

Our Ontario Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection stands in deep gratitude to Susan Millar for her 15 years of service to our Congregation as Provincial Treasurer. Loyal, dedicated, kind, caring, thorough, friendly, competent and professional are words that can only begin to describe Susan and our experience of her role over the years. Susan's job was never done until she dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's. Following all the laws, rules and regulations was the standard she expected of herself and others.

Susan was hired by Fr. Lory Keasey, CR when Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, our new Provincial Superior, was Vicar Provincial. Over the years, Susan helped to put into practice new financial systems for our province. Her keen sense of the necessity of collaboration allowed her to utilize the input and expertise of Carter's Law firm to navigate us successfully through the review by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Susan became part of the personality of the Provincial Office. Resurrectionists would appreciate consulting Susan on various matters or just pop in to say hello. Her gentle and kindly manner always communicated that folks were welcome and that she was here to serve. Susan will be missed here at our Resurrection Provincial Office. She tells us that we will be missed also. Being Provincial Treasurer was more than a job for Susan; it was a ministry of service to CR's and to God. We wish Susan and her husband Bruce many happy moments, days, weeks, months and years in their journey ahead.

Once again, we say thank you, dziękuję, muchas gracias, merci beaucoup and danke schön.



Susan sharing a laugh with Fr. Pat Aiello, CR at Susan's farewell barbecue.

New Provincial Treasurer

A new Provincial Treasurer has been hired to replace Susan Millar, who retired on June 30th after fifteen years of service. We welcome Josee Zinger to the provincial team.



Above: Ed renewing his vows before Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Provincial Superior

Below: Ed Sikora, CR signing his vows.



Ed Sikora, CR – Renewal of Vows

On August 15th, Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Ed Sikora, CR renewed his vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Congregation of the Resurrection before Provincial Superior Fr. Tim Uniac, CR. Ed's mother and three family members, as well as five Resurrectionists, were able to be present for the ceremony at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener. In his homily, Fr. Tim spoke to Ed and noted that "as a Congregation, Resurrectionists are called to embrace and proclaim the transforming power of God's love, to announce and live the Resurrection in such a way so as to bring about the Resurrection of Society... This is the mission of the Congregation you are seeking to renew membership within. And while our mission is challenging, we as Resurrectionists take on this challenge in the "hopeful-belief" that all things are possible with God – all the grace we will ever need in order to fulfill our mission is free gift to us from God, unconditionally given to us".

The next step in Ed's formation process in the Congregation is his pastoral placement; he will spend the coming year at St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener under the direction of Fr. Toby Collins, CR. Please continue to hold Ed in your prayers as he continues his journey of discovery into a life as a consecrated religious.

Personnel Appointments

Fr. Dave Mowat, CR has been appointed to serve the final two years of Fr. Tim Uniac's term as Provincial Councillor. We are grateful to Fr. Dave for his generosity in serving the Community in this ministry.

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR was the temporary administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener for the months of July and August after Fr. Tim Uniac's election as Provincial Superior. Fr. Murray McDermott, CR became Pastor on September 1st. Fr. Raphael recently celebrated his first anniversary of priesthood, and will continue at St. Francis as Associate Pastor.

Fr. Toby Collins, CR was named Superior of St. Agatha religious house, effective July 1st, replacing Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, who served in that role for the past six years.

Brother Edward Benson, CR, who is currently living in Louisville, Kentucky, was appointed Superior of the Florida/St. Cecilia/Villa Pacis religious house. This appointment is for a three-year term.

Fr. Stanley Zaryczny, CR and *Fr. Lech Wycichowski, CR* have moved from Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener to St. Joseph Parish in Brantford. Fr. Stanley will serve as Pastor of the parish and Fr. Lech will serve as the Associate Pastor. Their appointments began July 15, 2020.

Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR has moved from St. Joseph's Parish in Brantford to become Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener. This appointment became effective on July 15, 2020.



Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR is flanked by Slawomir Dobrowolski, left, a board member of the local Polish Combatants Association and Adam Sikora, Canadian president of the Polish Combatants Association, as Fr. Adam is presented with the Gold Combatants' Cross

Honour for Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR

On his last Sunday as the pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Brantford, Fr. Adam Wróblewicz was honoured for his passion in promoting the history of Polish war heroes by being awarded the Gold Combatants' Cross by the Canadian Polish Combatants Association.

A number of years ago, because there was a large number of Polish veterans at St. Joseph's cemetery, Fr. Adam wanted to honour them and so organized a special celebration. The event drew a large number of parishioners and was very meaningful for the Polish people. The day inspired Fr. Adam to do more. He added other patriotic celebrations as part of the church services at St. Joseph's, especially teaching about the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy and the critical role Polish soldiers played in pushing out the German defenders from the area. Fr. Adam spoke to his parishioners, to other groups and school children about Polish heritage and war efforts. He says: "When people came to Canada, they found a loving country and I would say, for them, it was very meaningful and important to celebrate these occasions because it had been forbidden under the communist government".

For his many acts of keeping that history alive, and for being an active supporter of the war veterans' association, the Canadian president of the Polish Combatants Association, Adam Sikora, presented Fr. Adam with the Gold Combatants' Cross on July 18. Those war veterans still mobile were in attendance with their Second World War colours flying.

Congratulations, Fr. Adam!

(Information here was taken from an article in the Brantford Expositor by Susan Gamble).

Installation of the New Provincial Team

On July 1st, the Ontario-Kentucky Province's new leadership team was installed. A private ceremony was held at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener to install Fr. Tim Uniac, CR as Provincial Superior and Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR as Vicar Provincial. The terms are for three years. The homily for the ceremony was provided by Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Superior General and was read by Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR. Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR, Fr. Dave Mowat, CR and Fr. Jim Link, CR will continue to minister as councillors on the provincial leadership team. Thank you to Fr. Jim Donohue, CR, who just completed six years as Vicar Provincial, and Fr. Phil Reilly, CR, who was a provincial councillor for six years.



Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, new Provincial Superior

Who is Fr. Tim Uniac, CR

The first things to be said about the new Provincial Superior of the Ontario-Kentucky Province are that he is an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan and his favourite colour is Maple Leaf blue. So we know that he is a man of great patience and hope.

Born in London, Ontario on December 3, 1958, Fr. Tim grew up in Brantford, where he attended St. John's High School. Fr. Tim got to know the Resurrectionist Priests who operated and taught at St. John's, and they encouraged him to attend St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, also operated by the Resurrectionists. He entered the Congregation of the Resurrection and was ordained to the priesthood on June 27, 1986.

Fr. Tim has worked in many different capacities as a member of the Ontario-Kentucky Province. He has been Associate Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Brantford, and Pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Ruskin, Florida, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira, St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton, St. Louis Parish, Waterloo, and most recently St. Francis Parish, Kitchener. He worked as Director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Kitchener-Waterloo area and as Vocation Director and Vicar Provincial of the Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. At the 2011 General Chapter in Rome, he was elected to the international Curia and worked six years as the Vicar General and Econom General. Fr. Tim was elected Provincial Superior in February of this year, and took office on July 1st. We wish Fr. Tim God's blessings as he begins this journey of leadership and service (and hope for a championship for the Leafs during Fr. Tim's term).

Temporary Transfer

Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection, has approved the temporary transfer of Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera, CR from Poland to the Ontario-Kentucky Province. Once Fr. Krzysztof has completed his COVID-19 quarantine period, he will become a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish team in Hamilton. He has made a commitment to work in Canada for at least the next three years. Welcome Fr. Krzysztof.

Exciting New Projects at St. Mary's Parish

By Rianne Rops, Outreach Worker

It seems to me that the Holy Spirit works best in messy situations.

Back in June, St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener, was informed of an opportunity to participate in a government-run program that engages students in serving their community. Fantastic! As a downtown church who seeks to serve marginalized populations this was right up our alley, but it was scheduled to launch... very soon. With no time to waste, we quickly drafted up our plan for two student service opportunities: the first, building tiny homes for the homeless; the second, connecting students with seniors of our parish and sharing their stories through multimedia platforms such as video, photobook, and social media.



Marilyn & Hart Bezner being interviewed in St. Mary's Church.

Supplies were purchased: flooring, insulation, drywall, paint. The tiny homes were ordered: ten in all! Supervisors from the parish and beyond were brought into the project, and a team of students were recruited, all within a week. Momentum was growing and we were getting excited to see these projects come to life! Then, all of the sudden, we learned that the government program had been halted until further notice – along with all of the funding that had been promised alongside it. As we looked at our long list of expenses, our parish staff team had a tough decision to make: do we let the project go, or do we plow ahead on our own?

In the words of Fr. Toby, “These projects are too important not to do!” Amidst a torrent of news articles decrying the state of rising mental health issues amongst youth, the isolation of seniors, and the impact of Covid-19 on the homeless, we had an opportunity to do something. We felt called by God to continue with these projects, trusting that He would provide for all outlying details and finances.



Students interviewing José & Sandra Hernandez



Students working on a tiny home under the supervision of Glen, a teacher at Conestoga College.

After all, it's only when your own skin is in the game that you are truly walking by faith.

And the Good Lord did provide. The students who participated in this project are outstanding individuals.



Colourful tiny homes ready to go to their new home.



The daily lunch-break is filled with lively discussions about religion, politics, social issues, and tons of laughter – even while seated 6 feet apart. Financial support began to pour in from parishioners, neighbouring parishes such as St. Anthony Daniel, and in particular, major donations from the Motz Family Foundation and the Catholic Community Foundation of Waterloo Region. It was at this point that we were so glad we stepped out from the boat, into the uncertain seas, and responded to what we felt the Holy Spirit was stirring up in our hearts.

At this point, we are wrapping up both projects. Students who were strangers at the beginning of the summer have now become close friends. Ten tiny homes have been built, which will in turn provide housing for 10 individuals. Young people have connected with 17 seniors from our parish, and both parties have benefitted immensely from their sharing of stories.

I'll be the first to say that it is not easy to minister in the midst of a pandemic, but we must be careful not to use that as an excuse. No, we must be brave enough to remain attentive to the movements of the Holy Spirit with a discerning, careful heart, because God may be inviting you into something that is new, shaky, and altogether beautiful.

May God guide and bless our efforts.

New Deacon for Tanzania

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

Saturday, July 11, 2020 was a very significant day in our Tanzanian mission. On this day, Phillip Justinian, CR was ordained to the Order of Deacon by Bishop Telesphor Mkude of the Diocese of Morogoro in our Resurrection Chapel in Tungi.

Resurrectionists who live at the Formation House in Tungi, just outside Morogoro, are Fr. Jim, Deacon Phillip, Yohana, Mosses, Vitalis and Joseph. Soon, other Resurrectionists started to arrive for Phillip's diaconate ordination. Fr. Andrzej was the first to arrive on Tuesday with four novices: Emmanuel, Bryan, Mario, and Emmanuel. He purposely brought these four because they had lived at our Formation House in Tungi before novitiate, and would be most familiar with things as we prepared for the celebrations. Fr. Andrzej then drove to Dar es Salaam to pick up Fr. Wojciech Mleczko, CR, who was flying in from Poland; he will be replacing me for two months until Fr. Andrzej returns from the novitiate in mid-September. Early on Thursday, Fr. Daniel arrived with three novices and, later that day, Fr. Maciej arrived with three more novices. So, Thursday night for supper, there were five Resurrectionist priests, five Resurrectionist seminarians and 10 Resurrectionist novices, all gathered together under the same roof: 20 Resurrectionists in Africa...amazing!

Earlier in the week, Phillip had been on a five-day retreat, and on Friday Phillip made his Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity in preparation for his diaconate. All 20 Resurrectionists were present in the chapel for morning Mass as Phillip completed this step.

After the prayer of consecration, Fr. Andrzej helped Phillip vest in the clothing characteristic of a deacon: the dalmatic and the stole worn on



Laying on of hands by Bishop Telesphor.



Fr. Andrzej helping Phillip vest in the clothing characteristic of a deacon: the dalmatic and the stole worn to the side



Phillip promising to be of service to God's people as he proclaims the Gospel in word and deed.

the side. Fr. Andrzej was the best choice to carry out this task since he has been with Phillip for many years throughout his formation process. I think it was a special moment for both Phillip and for Fr. Andrzej.

We were very grateful to Bishop Telesphor for his presence at our Formation House. It was the first time that he had been here and he seemed genuinely enthused and pleased to be asked.



After the ordination ceremony, we had plenty of time for photos.

The celebration continued with a lunch of chicken, peas, two kinds of rice, beans, cooked bananas, watermelon, soft drinks and water. The novices all pitched in to help serve the food to about 30 guests, including members of Phillip's immediate family. I think we can safely say that everyone—young and old—enjoyed our feast of food and drink!

Over the last year, Phillip professed his perpetual vows, finished his theology studies at Jordan University College, and has now been ordained a deacon. He will complete his deacon internship in one of our parishes in Buhemba or in Butiama. We prayerfully look forward to his ordination to the priesthood in about a year. Our first Tanzanian Resurrectionist ordained! How wonderful! And we look forward to more celebrations of perpetual vows and ordinations in the future. Let us pray that God will continue “to send laborers for the harvest.” And let us continue to pray for those in formation and for those who are serving as formation personnel.



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18 of the 20 Resurrectionists present for the ordination. It is always difficult to get EVERYONE together at the same time!



The five perpetually professed Resurrectionists who were present: Fr. Maciej Braun, Fr. Daniel Hinc, Deacon Phillip, Fr. Jim Donohue, Fr. Andrzej Duda and Fr. Wojciech Mleczeko



Saturday was the big day for the ordination and Phillip was ready!

Renewal of Vows

We also congratulate four seminarians in Tanzania who renewed their vows on August 15th. Congratulations to Moses Katikiro, CR, Joseph Chacha, CR, Yohana Mathias, CR, and Vitalis Masika, CR. Thank you to Fr. Jim Donohue, CR for the year he spent in Tanzania as Rector of the seminary; Fr. Jim has recently returned home to resume teaching at Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland.

New Truck for Tanzanian Mission

Resurrectionists working in our Tanzanian mission are excited that they have been able to purchase a new vehicle, a Toyota Hilux pickup truck. Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR, Director of Formation for the Tanzanian mission, has sent words of thanks to the Ontario-Kentucky Province for donations from the Province and from generous benefactors that have made the purchase of this vehicle possible. Fr. Duda noted that the truck, which will be used primarily in the seminary's novitiate, will be a big help for the mission for many years.



Above: Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR and Fr. Jim Donohue, CR admiring the mission's new truck.

Below: Seminarians with the new truck.





Parishioner Vickie Shaughnessy enjoying the St. Mary's community garden.



Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Pastor, with José and Sandra Hernandez in the community garden.

How You Can Help the Missions

Donations in aid of Resurrectionists working in the missions (Brazil, Bulgaria and Tanzania) will be gratefully received. It would be helpful if funds were not designated for a particular project or area; this would give the Congregation flexibility to use the money where it is most needed. Thank you for your ongoing support. Because of you, our Congregation is able to continue to serve the missions in Brazil, Bulgaria and Tanzania and all of the people in our care.

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