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Celebrations of Priesthood



On October 17th, the ordination anniversaries of Fr. Harry Reitzel, CR, Fr. George Nowak, CR and Fr. Chris Buda, CR will be commemorated in a special way, with a Jubilarian Mass and dinner at St. Francis Church in Kitchener. The three men will be honoured for their many years of ministry and service as members of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

Our last issue focused on Fr. Harry, as he celebrated 60 years as an ordained priest on May 29th. Fr. George marked 50 years of ordained priesthood on May 17th and Fr. Chris commemorated 50 years as a priest on May 31st. In this issue we will highlight them.



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Fr. George Nowak, CR Celebrating 50 Years of Ordained Priesthood



Fr. George Nowak, CR

Reflection on 50 Years of Priesthood By Fr. George Nowak, CR

On May 17th, 2025, I celebrated my 50th anniversary of priesthood. It certainly causes me to reflect on these past years of ministry with gratitude. Many things stand out to me. In particular, I think I am most struck by the joyful faith of young people.

Young people seem to have a greater enthusiasm for the simple aspects of the faith. They appreciate the various rites as they are and don't feel

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the need to change them to make them more relevant. And the vast majority of young people I have worked with throughout the years have a deep and sincere faith.

Several highpoints of my ministry took place during the international World Youth Days. I had the privilege of attending 4 times. My first experience was here in Canada in 2002. I remember the wonderful group of young people and volunteers from St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Elmira. It was probably the most extreme WYD in terms of weather. The days were extremely hot and humid, making the long walks a challenge, and there was a severe rainstorm with a tornado watch during the overnight vigil. But nothing dampened the spirits of the young people I was with. They laughed through it all. And their joy was contagious. It's difficult to be grumpy when everyone around you is happy. And who needs sleep when you can sing and dance instead! Finally, I was struck by the long line-ups for confession in the Duc in Altum Park. All the priests who participated received hand-embroidered stoles, made by a group of women from Guatemala. I treasure this gift, which always sparks very fond memories. Cologne, Germany in 2005 was the next gathering. This experience was somewhat different because our group participated in the first part of WYD, which was called the Days in the Diocese. In Canada, we had been the hosts for this part of the event, so we only attended the Days in Toronto. But in Cologne, we were hosted in a small village and stayed in host homes. There I saw a transformation take place in my group of young people. They instinctively realized that although we were being hosted in this little town, we were there as witnesses to our faith.

Several of our group had the previous WYD experience in Canada, but for more than half of the group it was their first time. I was so proud of our young people! They were joyful, energetic, and friendly. Time and time again, the German priests, parents and parishioners commented on how inspiring our group was and on how they had never seen such faith expressed among their youth. The young people of the parish joined in our escapades and they too were inspired by the joy of a living faith.

The little town of Rotteram celebrated our group with a lasting commemoration. In the middle of the town, there is now a triangular green space, with three maple trees, a huge wooden bench, and a Canadian Flag. The Mayor officially named it “Kanadaplatz” and put up a plaque commemorating the event. We were moved by the gesture and realized that WYD was not just for those attending. In many ways, it was even more transformative for those who hosted, or witnessed participants on the subways, in the Churches, and in the streets. This experience made a lasting impression on our group of young people. They truly understood the responsibility they had of witnessing to their faith and sharing their joy through evangelization.



Sydney, Australia was my next WYD in 2008. At this time in my ministry I was involved in Campus Ministry at Wilfrid Laurier University. Our group was made up of university students. Our diocese had received an invitation from Hamilton Diocese in Auckland, New Zealand to be hosted there for the Days in the Diocese. It was an incredible experience. Once again, we were hosted in homes, and the Diocese made sure we saw most of their pastoral initiatives and the natural beauty of their land.

Within our group of young people, there was great faith. Several of them were actively discerning vocations. One eventually became a Sister of Life and another is a diocesan priest in Toronto. Being totally immersed in a Catholic culture for two weeks, away from distractions of social media and the responsibilities of school, work and home, allowed these young people to explore their own identities and to try on more authentic versions of themselves. They were open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and they had the support of their fellow pilgrims. True and lasting friendships were formed. I see the benefit of such events — retreats from the world, from one's normal life and full immersion in a Christian culture.

My final WYD experience took place in Madrid, Spain with a follow-up in Fatima. Two couples met on this trip and both are happily married now with beautiful children. A young man also used this pilgrimage to discern the priesthood. He is now a pastor in our diocese. This was the pilgrimage that revealed to me how important it is for young people to face difficulties and challenges. They need to see how strong they can be. They need to overcome obstacles.

I am very proud of the young people I met throughout my priestly ministry. And I am very grateful to them for helping to form me. The conversations I had with them were deep and honest. They shared so openly and allowed themselves to be vulnerable. I learned so much from them and was honoured that they confided in



Fr. George Nowak, CR with young people at World Youth Day

me. It is a joy to see them now as adults, to understand a little of their spiritual journeys.

Children can have physical growth spurts over the course of a year that are visibly shocking. Young adults seem to have spiritual growth spurts that are just as astounding. That is how I would characterize what I was witnessing. I have many fond memories across these 50 years of priesthood, but the four WYD pilgrimages are certainly high points for me. I've been told more than once that except for my grey hair, I still look the same as I did years ago. I'm not convinced of it, but if there is any truth to it, I suppose that being with young people has a great deal to do with it. I am always edified by their courageous faith, their openness, and their joyful enthusiasm. And I would entrust the future of the Church to them wholeheartedly.

Fr. Chris Buda, CR Celebrating 50 Years of Ordained Priesthood



Fr. Chris Buda, CR

Reflection on 50 Years of Priesthood

By Fr. Chris Buda, CR

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!”

I believe there is no better way to express my thanksgiving to Almighty God and his Son Jesus Christ for countless gifts and graces in my 50 years of priesthood.

When I was asked to share my religious and priestly life with you, I thought that it was an impossible task. So, I have chosen three times of my life to focus on.

When I first arrived in Canada, in September 1983, I encountered Fr. Fred Scinto, CR. It was for me a tremendous blessing. Fr. Fred said many times: “Chris, if you want to succeed as a man, religious, and priest, you have to immerse yourself into the Canadian church and Canadian society.” I attended English classes at Mohawk College for eight months, seven hours a day. After this intensive course I was sent to Toronto to the International School of Languages (Berlitz). Fr. Fred, thank you for your patience, generosity and kindness. Rest in peace.

From here let me take you to St. Mary, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish in Kitchener. It was for me, eight years of the best priestly experience. If you have ever attended liturgy at St. Mary’s you know what I mean. Every celebration I participated in had beautiful music, the best choir, and liturgies that many a time moved me to tears of joy. Thank you to the parish staff and many volunteers!

Finally, God loves surprises! In 2005 he sent me to Rome for six years. New experiences, being immersed in the history of our Congregation and the Church — I loved every moment. I was able to travel with the

Superior General as his translator and also help him with general visitations. I visited all the members of the Polish Province scattered across Europe. I saw their dedication, love and generosity for the People of God.

As I look back on 50 years of priesthood, let me say thank you to my family, parents and siblings, to my brother Resurrectionists, and countless friends and benefactors, for your prayers, support, gifts, and delicious pastries. May the good Lord and his Son Jesus Christ bless you and love you. Let me say, quoting the Servant of God, Fr. Pawel Smolikowski, CR: “God bless you all.”

Visit of Pope Leo XIV to Mentorella

On August 19th, Pope Leo XIV made a private visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Mentorella. After dedicating time to prayer, the Holy Father visited the cave of St. Benedict, where the saint lived in seclusion for two years early in the sixth century. Pope Leo spent time with the Polish priests of the Congregation of the Resurrection, which has cared for the shrine since 1857, and they helped him ring the church bells at noon before praying the Angelus together. The Holy Father returned to Castel Gandolfo after his visit.



The shrine of Our Lady of Grace at Mentorella

The sanctuary at Mentorella is located about 65 km southeast of Rome. It is considered one of the oldest sanctuaries in Italy. Hidden among rough rocks, it rises on the eastern slope of the Prenestinos Mountains, over a cliff that descends

almost vertical over the green valley of Giovenzano.

In 1857, the Congregation was newly established as a religious order, and a lot of new candidates were joining. The living conditions at St. Claude’s in Rome were crowded and uncomfortable. Fr. Jerome Kajsiewicz, one of the founders of the Congregation,





Pope Leo exiting the cave of St. Benedict



Pope Leo praying at the shrine

began a search for a larger place for the students and priests to relax and escape the oppressive summer heat of Rome. The problem was resolved when Pope Pius IX entrusted the shrine to the Congregation in 1857; this was a visible sign to Fr. Kajsiewicz of the Church's approval of the Congregation as a religious order. Many people from neighbouring villages came to the shrine to pray and there was a revival of devotion to Our Lady of Grace. Besides housing the priests and seminarians in the summer months, it became a real opportunity for the new Congregation to do meaningful pastoral ministry. Pope Pius IX entrusted the shrine to the Congregation in perpetuum in 1864. Tradition holds that Mentorella was the place where St. Eustachius converted in the 2nd century. Two hundred years later, Emperor Constantine built a basilica on the spot where the saint converted, and it was consecrated by Pope Silvester I around the year 335. It was dedicated to the honour of our Blessed Mother. The sanctuary was under the jurisdiction of the Benedictine monks of Subiaco from the ninth to the 14th century, when the Benedictine order abandoned it. It remained in disrepair until the Jesuits acquired it in the 17th century and restored it. Since 1977 it has been under the jurisdiction of the Polish Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection and is a special place for pilgrims.

The shrine holds a special connection to several pontiffs: As a priest, St. John Paul II visited Mentorella several times for periods of retreat and prayer. He made



Pope Leo gifting a chalice to Fr. Adam Dźwigoń, CR, a Resurrectionist who is the rector of the shrine

the pilgrimage to pray before the conclave that elected him in 1978 and returned two weeks after his election. Pope Benedict XVI also visited the sanctuary in 2005, and Pope Innocent XIII (1721-1724) had requested that his heart be buried there. The visit of Pope Leo XIV was special for the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection at Mentorella; it is hoped that he will return many times in the years to come.

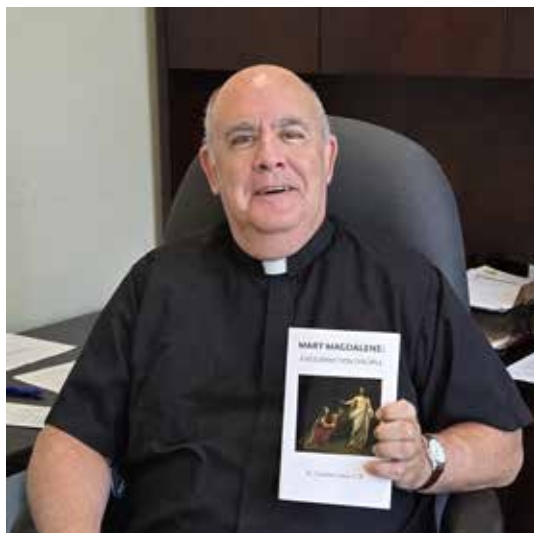
Mary Magdalene: A Resurrection Disciple

By Fr. Tim Uniac, CR

Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name only thirteen times in the Gospels; there is not a single reference to her in any of the writings of St. Paul. Her identity was conflated and contorted in countless ways; she was incorrectly called a prostitute by the institutional church, a title that would remain for more than fourteen hundred years until it was finally corrected. She was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ, a committed and faithful disciple, and was given the formal title of “Apostles to the Apostles” by the Catholic Church. Mary Magdalene was the first one to speak to the Risen Lord and the first to be commissioned by the Risen Lord. She was given the privilege of making the great news of the Resurrection known and was the first to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection to the followers of Jesus. She was the one who spoke the five most important words in the scriptures: “I have seen the Lord.”

Mary Magdalene is a central character in our salvation history, so much so that we can safely conclude that without her, things would be radically different in our life of faith. This being the case, why was she forgotten, nameless, faceless and voiceless for such a long period of time? Is the reason for this found in the scriptures themselves, when, for reasons yet to be discovered, Saint Paul, who wrote his letters before the Gospels, ignores Mary Magdalene entirely, while the later Gospels add her to the story? Was it due to the cultural influences of first century Palestine and the role of women in that world? Was it Saint Peter, who, in the Gnostic Gospel of Mary Magdalene,

sarcastically suggests that women have no role in church leadership? Was it Pope Gregory the Great, the first to formally call Mary Magdalene a prostitute, and in doing so strip her of all dignity? Was there some sort of fear of women within the hierarchical church and the possible role they could play in leadership? The possibilities for Mary Magdalene’s nameless, faceless and voiceless presence throughout most of our faith history are many, the majority of which are incorrect, invalid, and in some cases vicious and evil. The challenge we face, as people of faith, is to siphon through generations of writings to find the real Mary Magdalene.



Fr. Tim Uniac, CR holding a copy of his new book

I wrote the book *Mary Magdalene: A Resurrection Disciple* because of an inner hunger I have had for most of my life to find Mary Magdalene and to understand her role in salvation history. She has spoken to me in many ways in my life over and over again. It was not until I finally discovered why she was constantly intersecting in my life that I began to write my book. Her message to me was simple: “tell my story”.

(The book is not available in stores. For a charitable donation of \$20.00 or more to our Resurrectionist Missions you will receive a free copy of the book. Send your donation, made out to Resurrectionist Missions, to the Provincial Office, 265 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, N2L 3G7. Include your home address so we can send the book and a charitable donation receipt. You can also stop in the office to make a donation and receive a book.)

Please note that Fr. Tim Uniac, CR has been invited to speak as part of the St. Jerome’s Lectures in Catholic Experience series on Thursday, November 6th. The topic of his lecture will be: “I have seen the Lord” — The Transforming Power of Mary Magdalene’s Proclamation. See the SJU.ca website for more details.

Congratulations, Melinda!

Congratulations to Melinda Szilva, an Apostle of the Resurrection since 2020, who successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on August 15th. Melinda will receive a PhD in Human Relationships (Spiritual Care & Psychotherapy) from the Faculty of Theology at Martin Luther University College (Wilfrid Laurier University) at its convocation in October.

Melinda's connection to the CR's began when she met Fr. Pat Aiello when she first moved to the Waterloo Region in 1992. After moving to Hamilton to work with L'Arche Hamilton, she became a parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish, which was under the jurisdiction of the Resurrectionists. When she returned to Waterloo in 1996, she became a member of the University Catholic Community at St. Jerome's University. She began working as a lay chaplain at St. Jerome's with Fr. Jim Link in 1997, where she developed a deep respect for the priests and brothers of the Congregation of the Resurrection - and a special kinship with those who lived at Louis Hall between 1996 and 2009. Melinda became an Apostle of the Resurrection officially in 2020; however, she periodically attended events with the Apostles since their first meetings in St. Eugene's Chapel.



Melinda Szilva, Apostle of the Resurrection

While serving as a lay chaplain, Melinda continued her studies and graduated with a Master's of Theological Studies (Pastoral Counselling). She was encouraged to undertake a doctorate then, but the timing was not right until 2019. Her husband Jeff had begun a PhD in Leadership & Policy at Niagara University in New York State in 2018 which inspired Melinda to follow suit.

Currently, Melinda is a registered Psychotherapist and works as a counsellor and clinical supervisor at the University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science in the Low Vision clinic. Her clinical practice inspired her research, which focused on the lived experience of vision loss, acquired in adulthood, and its impact on self-concept and identity. The dissertation had a special focus on meaning making and more specifically how people make meaning and find a way through difficult times.

Congratulations, Melinda!

2025 Canadian Provincial Retreat & Chapter

By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

According to the Constitutions of the Congregation of the Resurrection (article 119), "*The Provincial or Regional Chapter, which is composed of perpetually professed members of the Province or Region according to its Statutes, is to be so formed that the entire Province or Region is adequately represented. It will meet at least every three years. It represents all the members of the Province or Region and is the highest extraordinary authority on the Provincial or Regional level. It reviews and assesses community life and work and it evaluates opportunities for future development.*"

This summer the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection fulfilled this mandate.

We began our time together with a retreat at Resurrection Manor from June 30th - July 4th under the direction of American Resurrectionist Father Eric Wagner, CR. He is a Professor of Scripture at



Fr. Eric Wagner, CR, Facilitator
for the 2025 Retreat and Chapter

Aquinas Theological Institute in St. Louis, Missouri, and knows our Province well. This week of prayer, reflection and sharing prepared us for the Chapter, keeping us open to the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. Central to his retreat was the theme of the “unmerited” love of God for us – central

to the first article of our Constitutions, that we are “convinced of God’s unconditional love.” Once again, we also used the ‘Spiritual Conversation’ exercise, in small groups – a method of listening, reflecting and sharing – that we were introduced to some years ago by Jesuit retreat directors. Father Eric was also the facilitator for the Provincial Chapter.

This year was unique, as six Apostles of the Resurrection were invited to join us in the Retreat:

Wanda Cakebread, Debbie DeLattre, Alice Langford, Bob Sproule, Dee Sproule and Patti Tusch. Wanda, Alice, Bob and Patti also participated in the Chapter. They had ‘voice’ but not ‘vote’ in the Chapter proceedings.

The Provincial Chapter, held from July 7th – July 11th, began with the discussion of reports that had previously been sent out to all the delegates, beginning with that of the Provincial Superior, Father Tim Uniac, CR. Then house reports for our three religious Houses – Resurrection Manor, St. Stanislaus and St. Agatha – were discussed. Standing committee reports were also shared: Formation, Vocations, Board of Examiners, Apostles of the Resurrection, Lay Advisory, Finance, Resurrection Bulletin, Electoral, and Cottages. There were often questions and clarifications, suggestions and gratitude given.

On Thursday of the Chapter, we began to work, in small groups, on Proposed Statute Changes and Resolutions, that would serve as a mandate for the Provincial leadership. These were shared, and on Friday final clarifications and voting took place.

The ‘Directional Statement’ was an important result of our two weeks together. It reads: “Prompted by



Members of the 2025 Provincial Chapter

The retreat and Chapter not only provided us with moments of prayer, reflection, and sharing, but also of opportunities to deepen our fraternal spirit.

the Holy Spirit, as Pilgrims of Hope, the 2025 Provincial Chapter of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection recognizes its international charism. This charism, rooted in God's merciful, unmerited, transformative love, we express by being and building communities of the Resurrection. These communities are rooted in relationships of trust and hope, born of the Paschal Mystery, working for the Resurrection of Society. This Chapter further dreams of engaging in the ongoing transformation of our common life, governance and mission, and fostering new Resurrectionist vocations. We envision moving into a future of hope through the discerning use of resources, exploring new possibilities of social justice outreach, and collaborating with the laity – especially the Apostles of the Resurrection."

The Resolutions involved:

- Having 'synodal gatherings' (previously called Town Hall Meetings) on relevant themes for the Province
- Greater collaboration between Resurrectionist Parishes
- Greater relationship with the Apostles of the Resurrection
- Updating of the Formation Handbook, in conjunction with the United States of America Province
- Review of properties of the Province.

All twenty-five members of the Canadian Province attended, and we were happy to welcome our Superior General, Father Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR to share in our proceedings. The retreat and Chapter not only provided us with moments of prayer, reflection, and sharing, but also of opportunities to deepen our fraternal spirit. We believe that, indeed, the Holy Spirit was with us, and we await – with HOPE – the fulfillment of our Resolutions by the active participation of all our members. Please keep us in your prayers!

RETREAT AND CHAPTER REFLECTION



Wanda Cakebread, Apostle of the Resurrection

A Graced Experience as an Apostle of the Resurrection

By Wanda Cakebread

Participating in the recent retreat and Chapter of the Congregation of the Resurrection was both a privilege and a blessing for me as an Apostle of the Resurrection.

Entering into these days of prayer, reflection, and discernment, I felt immediately welcomed into a spirit of community and renewal.

The retreat invited me to step back from daily routines and rest more deeply in God's presence. Through the reflections, silence, and liturgies, I experienced a new closeness to Christ, the Risen One, and a renewed awareness of how His Resurrection calls us to live with hope and joy. The Chapter was equally life-giving. To sit among Resurrectionists, hear their vision, share in their discussions, and witness their fidelity to the charism was inspiring. I felt that my voice and presence were valued, not as an observer, but as a true participant in their mission. The collaboration and openness of the Congregation gave me a stronger sense of belonging to a wider spiritual family.

This experience deepened my commitment as an Apostle of the Resurrection. I left the retreat and Chapter not only refreshed, but also more eager to bring the spirit of the Resurrection into my own life, family, and community. It was a grace-filled time that strengthened my faith and confirmed my vocation to share the joy of Christ's rising with others.

A Special Creation

Creating and fixing things have always been passions of Brother Ed Hohenadel, CR, a vowed member of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1979. Brother Ed has always been “handy” and loves creating art. He is a talented photographer, and especially enjoys taking photos of nature. He created beautiful greeting cards from some of his photos of flowers. Currently, he is completing a metal bird feeder, which he plans to donate to a local retirement home for the enjoyment of the residents. Brother Ed has also enjoyed fixing things from an early age. His nickname, when he worked at Scollard Hall in North Bay, was “megahertz” because he was always doing something with electricity. Since 2005 Brother Ed has lived at Resurrection Manor and has helped with both maintenance and financial matters. He is especially proud that he was able to make significant repairs to the manor solarium a number of years ago, when experts had decided it wasn’t worth fixing. He also makes candles for use at the Manor, and helps to set up the altar for the Manor masses, among other duties.

In his early years as a Resurrectionist, Brother Ed designed and crafted a wooden crest of the Resurrection banner; this crest is displayed in the Provincial wing of Resurrection Manor. Last year, Brother Ed decided to create another crest of the Resurrection banner, this time in honour of the Jubilee year and the 2025 Provincial Chapter. Brother Ed wanted it to be completed by the beginning of the Provincial Chapter, which was held in July of this year.

To begin, Brother Ed used a banner of the Resurrection that Fr. Walter Schnarr, CR had brought from Rome as his inspiration. He searched for the perfect wood to use for the project and decided on acacia, which is a hard wood known for its strength and durability. He had the wood cut in an oval shape. To make the shape of the banner, he utilized red glass from a candy tray; this was necessary so that the red colouring would show up. The letters — the alpha and the omega — were



Brother Ed Hohenadel, CR presents a gift to Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Provincial Superior

made with copper wire left from the construction of Resurrection Manor. Part of a chain belonging to Brother Clarence Gregory, CR, a long-time resident of the Manor, was incorporated into the crest. Beads from a rosary were also added. Including items from the Manor and former Manor residents made the crest personal and special. Brother Ed’s twin brother, Bill, provided the white resin for the project.



The inscription on the back of the wooden crest

The crest took a year to complete. At the end of the Provincial Chapter, Brother Ed presented the crest to Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Provincial Superior. It will now be displayed in the Provincial conference room at Resurrection College.

Thank you, Brother Ed, for this labour of love; it will be treasured for many years to come.



Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, attending the Hunger No More fundraiser with three visitors from Bolivia – Daisy Merida, Cecilia Merida and Ines Vera. Joined by Kathy Doherty-Masters

Hunger No More Fundraiser

By Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

Congratulations to Tiny Home Takeout on hosting its 5th annual Hunger No More fundraiser on Sunday September 14th this year. This annual food festival includes local restaurants, a kids' zone, live bands, a silent auction, an online live auction, a pizza making competition, a 50/50 raffle, a penny raffle, local artisan vendors, and for the first time ever, Dunk the Priest!

We had great weather, and a fun time was had by all. As of the writing of this article, donations are still coming in, but in 2024, Hunger No More raised over \$150,000 to help meet Tiny Home Takeout's \$800,000 annual operating budget. All funds raised go directly into the Tiny Home Takeout program.

With a community of staff and over 200 volunteers and no government funding, Tiny Home Takeout relies on individual donations, corporate donations,



Kathy Doherty-Masters, retired teacher and WCDSB trustee poses with Fr. Raph after successfully dunking him on her first throw. Way to go Kathy!

and community grants to continue its work to remove barriers and support food security in Kitchener Waterloo. If you're curious or would like to get involved – please volunteer, donate, or just stop by one evening from Tuesday to Saturday between 5:00-6:30pm for a Calzone or a Daily Bite. (One Calzone and one Daily Bite per person present). Grab A Bite, Give If You Can.

You can also follow Tiny Home Takeout on social media @TinyHomeTakeout on Instagram, as well as YouTube and Facebook. And check out their website at <https://tinyhometakeout.com/>



Fr. Raph waiting to be dunked

News from Tanzania

Profession of First Vows and Renewal of Temporary Vows

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is the day when most Resurrectionists in Tanzania either renew or profess, for the first time, the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The professions of first vows were made in Butiama. Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR, the novice director, presented nine candidates for first vows to Fr. Maciej Braun, CR, who represented our Superior General, Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR.

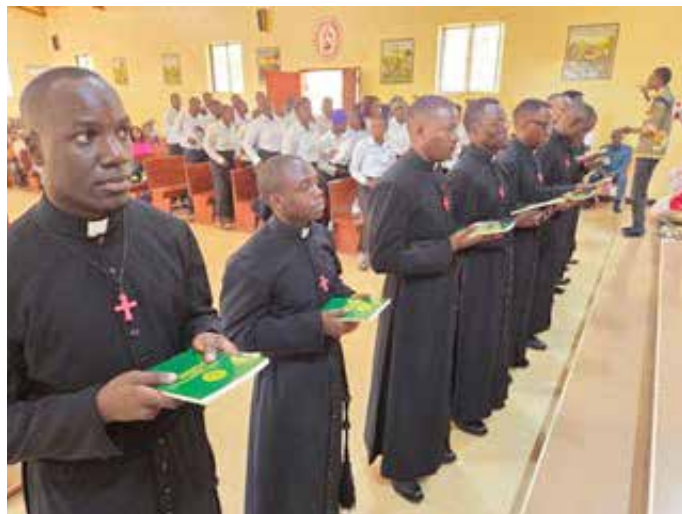
During the Eucharist, each candidate stated his intention and then professed his vows before Fr. Maciej, with Fr. Andrzej serving as the witness.



After the profession of first vows, the newly professed receives the habit of cassock and cincture as is worn in the Tanzanian mission...and then dresses in it for the first time.



Afterwards, each newly professed is handed his personal copy of the Constitutions of the Congregation of the Resurrection. This document, as well as our Charism and Mission Statements, guide the life of each Resurrectionist in his vow of obedience; that is, to be obedient to the way of life that began with our Founders and is embodied in our Constitutions.



We are extremely blessed to have nine young men profess their first vows this summer. After their summer vacation, they will report to the formation house in Morogoro. At the beginning of November, three men—Jerome, Cleophas, and Audax—will begin Theology studies, while the other six men—Emmanuel, Adrian, Anold, Alexander, Sebastian, and Evodius—will begin Philosophy studies.



The newly professed Resurrectionists (from left to right): Adrian, Emmanuel, Alexander, Audax, Evodius, Jerome, Sebastian, Cleophas, and Anold.

Meanwhile, on the same day, about 1300 kilometers (800 miles) away, 7 Resurrectionist seminarians renewed their profession of vows in Morogoro. Fr. Yohana Kachwele, CR, served as Fr. Evandro Maranda



First row from left to right: Valentino, Fr. Yohana, Selestine, and Vitalis. Second row from left to right: Livinus, Paschal, Joseph, Br. Michael, Emmanuel, Petro, the Adorin Missionary director of the retreat prior to the vow renewal, and Karoli.

Rosa's representative, and Joseph Chacha, CR, Vitalis Masika, CR, and Emmanuel Ntula, CR—all men under perpetual vows but not yet ordained—acted as witnesses. Selestine and Petro renewed their vows and will begin their third year of Theology in the fall, while Livinus and Valentino renewed their vows and will begin their second year of Theology in the fall. Joseph, Paschal, and Karoli renewed their vows and will begin their second year of Philosophy in the fall.

Not to be forgotten is the renewal of vows of Br. Michael, CR. Due to a scheduling quirk of last year



Fr. Yohana congratulating Br. Michael on his renewal of vows.

when Br. Michael could not travel to Buhemba for the renewal of vows in August, 2024 because of his school classes, Br. Michael needed to renew his vows on August 15th, a few days before the seminarians.

Finally, one more event to report is the reception of the new candidates for novitiate. This year, on August 14th, Fr. Andrzej welcomed nine new novices to begin their year-long journey to discern God's will and call to be Resurrectionists. These young men just finished their propaedeutical year under the leadership of Fr. Daniel Hınç, CR, and have continued their spiritual and religious journey of discernment in this next stage of their formation. We ask you to keep each of these young men in your prayers during the novitiate year.



From left to right: Fr. Andrzej Duda, Hilary, Robert, Polycarp, Emmanuel, Luis, Desdery, Edison, Linus, and Livinus

New Aspirants and New Rector

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

In September, we welcomed 11 young men who are “aspiring” to join the Tanzanian Mission of the Congregation of the Resurrection. This is a new stage in formation that Rome refers to as the “propaedeutical” year. This Latin word means an introductory or preparatory year that will serve as a foundation for later years of the study of Philosophy and Theology.

Fr. Daniel Hinç, CR, recently finished his three-year appointment as rector of our new candidates in this first year of formation. He has been succeeded by Br. Mosses Katikiro, CR, who has just begun his new three-year appointment as rector. As part of his preparation for this new role, Br. Mosses recently accompanied Fr. Jim Donohue to Rome this summer for the Resurrectionists’ formators’ conference that took place June 2nd - June 16th.



Br. Mosses proclaims the first reading at Mass in the Resurrection Chapel in Rome. Also in this photo is the presider, Fr. Ricardo Michelin de Sousa, CR (Brazilian Region) and one of the many concelebrants of that day, Fr. Raphael Ma, CR (Canadian Province).

All of these young men have recently finished six years of secondary school, and a few have completed some introductory college certificates. They follow a schedule of morning, midday, and evening prayer, as well as afternoon devotions, and the rosary and litany each day. The aspirants have classes on the history and spirituality of the Congregation of the Resurrection, classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and classes on the study of English, both spoken and written.



Front row from left to right: John, David, Philimon, Gervas, and Saulo. Second row from left to right: Denis, Br. Mosses, Robert, Diof, Emmanuel, George, and Syrille.

Part of each day is spent in manual labour, as there is always plenty to do with 33 people living in the formation house in Morogoro. In addition to taking care of the animals—chickens, pigs, and dogs—the aspirants help with gardening, cleaning, and dining room caretaking. Of course, each day time is set aside for recreation. Presently, there are some intense volleyball games going on each afternoon from 4:30-5:30!

We ask for your continued prayers that each of these young men will be open to God’s call in his life, whether it be as a Resurrectionist or in some other capacity of service for the church and the world.

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