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A Message from the Provincial Superior

Fr. Toby Collins, CR

It has been quite a transition into my new role and I'm very grateful for the organizational skills of our former Provincial, Fr. Tim Uniac, CR. They have helped me to get my new office sorted out quickly so I can focus on my new responsibilities. Trying to balance the current reality and needs of the Canadian Province, with the needs of the Tanzanian mission, and the need for new life and vocations is challenging. I am sometimes overwhelmed but have lots of help from former Provincials, my Vicar Provincial Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, staff that I work with, your prayers, and from training that will take place at a weekend workshop for new Provincials next year in St. Louis, MO. It was also helpful and exciting to meet with other Resurrectionist leaders on the international level in Rome at a recent Extended General Council meeting. Please use the search words "EGC 2026 youtube" to see a video that helps describe the experience.



Meeting online and at Resurrection College for the Synodal gathering on Strategic Planning







FAITH TAKES FLIGHT

I am excited to support the countless ways that Vowed Members and Apostles of the Resurrection continue to collaborate and inspire others with Christ's life and love. Recently at a Provincial Synodal gathering on Strategic Planning, most of the vowed members and Apostles discussed our present reality as well as our future possibilities. Revisioning and planning for the future of the Canadian Province is part of being accountable to our mission and charism, the 2023 General Chapter's Action Resolutions, the 2025 Provincial Chapter's directional statement, our care and support of one another in community, and to our stewardship of our temporal resources to sustain our community life and fuel our ministries.

Guided by a professional facilitator, Catherine Motz, we were able to engage in meaningful sharing, and listening, as we spoke about the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the Canadian Province. The feedback shared

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will be used by the Provincial Council to formulate a draft "Action Plan" that will be brought to a second Synodal Gathering on Strategic Planning for more input. A final draft will then be formulated by the end of February, 2027 and put into action phase by phase. My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to enkindle in us the fire of Christ's love, challenge us to grow beyond our history, and empower us to venture out into situations of death and despair with a resounding message of hope.

One of these projects is already underway. The "Action Resolution 5 Team" was formed after our last Provincial Chapter to create one new outreach activity. This team of Resurrectionists and lay people is traveling to grade 7 and 8 classrooms every week to highlight Resurrectionist Spirituality Principles 5, 6, and 7 which focus on conversion, community building, and resurrecting society. Students who have just completed the Tiny Home Takeout student experience at St Mary's Church are presented with various activities and the image of a butterfly. Vowed Members and Apostles work together to help the students learn how they can choose to move from being a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly by appropriating Resurrectionist Spirituality in their own lives. We end with everyone reciting the Resurrectionist Prayer. It is heartening to see how the students are understanding who we are as they, too, are drawn to the transforming power of Christ's resurrection!



Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera, CR, Amy Cyr and Fr. Paul Voisin, CR in the classroom

Jubilarian Celebration

On October 16th, Resurrectionists, Apostles of the Resurrection, and family and friends of our jubilarians gathered at St. Louis Parish in Waterloo to honour Fr. Jim Link, CR, celebrating 50 years of priesthood, and Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, celebrating 40 years of priesthood. A Mass of thanksgiving began the celebration, with Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Provincial Superior, presiding. During his homily, Fr. Toby spoke of the life and ministry of our jubilarians, including Fr. Pat Aiello, CR, who would have celebrated 70 years of priesthood on September 22nd. Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR, our Superior General, celebrated 25 years of priesthood on September 8th. Unfortunately, he was unable to be with us due to the death of his father in Brazil. We thank God for the many years of devoted ministry of these men.



Fr. Toby Collins, CR with Jubilarians Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, and Fr. Jim Link, CR



Members of the The Action Resolution 5 Team (L-R: Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Fr. Krzysztof Szkubera, CR, Amy Cyr, Christina Chairenzu-Bezu, Michelle Lantink, and Fr. Raphael Ma, CR)

Congratulations, Fr. Jim Link, CR

Celebrating 50 Years of Ordained Priesthood

By Fr. Jim Link, CR

When I first thought about writing for my 50th anniversary of priesthood, I did not want to go through the 50-plus years like a time-stamped biography - that story is in my files in the Provincial Office. Instead, I thought I would let the memories pop up like corks in water, realizing that I would miss a lot of the in-between moments but letting my story be somewhat of a highlight reel. So, here we go.

It was July 2nd, 1967, the day after Centennial Day, that my family drove me up from Kentucky to drop me off at our CR novitiate in Dundas, Ontario. We drove in my brother's old Citroën, which, we found out later, was only running on two of four cylinders. Every time I drive into Hamilton, I remember the vista overlooking the city as we came down the mountain from Highway 5. The only other thing I remember is that the restaurant we stopped into for lunch did not serve chili, stating that was only a winter dish. It was then I knew I



Vowed Resurrectionists and Lay Apostles of the Resurrection gather for the Jubilarian Celebration

was in a foreign country.

After university in Waterloo, theology in London and my diaconate internship in Brantford at St. Pius X Parish, I decided to return to Kentucky to be ordained to honour the faith community that first nourished my spiritual beginnings. I returned to begin my newly minted priesthood in Brantford where I would be for the next four and a half years. I will be eternally grateful for the people of that parish because they are the ones who shaped and formed my ministry as a priest. The archbishop of Louisville had given me the sacrament of Holy Orders but it was the community of St. Pius that molded me.

The next cork that popped up was one that made me a high school chaplain at the old St Jerome's High School in Kitchener. Frankly, it was an assignment that was not on my bucket list but one, however, that would lay the foundation for what was to come. I was on the job only a month when Fr. Mike Cundari, the principal who hired me, was tragically killed by a drunk driver coming home from North Bay. My co-chaplain, Mil Winter, helped the school through those dark days.

At this point, I was fifteen years into priesthood. I realized one day that just as I would not trust my doctor or my car mechanic if he or she stopped studying, nor did I trust myself. So, in the interim, I asked my community for a sabbatical. That request turned into a two-year break that took me to St. Louis University and Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri. The road that led to my Masters of Theology in Homiletics, tapped into my nerdy side. I loved the reading, the vibrant conversations, and the exposure to other preachers. It helped me to realize that one of the gifts that God had given me was the charism of preaching. I was the steward of this gift given to me for the sake of the faith communities that I would continue to serve.

It was from there that I ended up at St. Jerome's University and would remain there for the next seventeen years as Chaplain. Working with my colleague, Melinda Szilva, we led the University Catholic Community. Students, faculty and staff all gathered to worship, celebrate life and their Catholic faith. With no hesitation, I can say that those years at St. Jerome's were the best years of my priestly life. But, as all good things come to an end, so did those days. However, the seeds that were sewn during those years continue to bear fruit in the lives of the many SJU graduates and UCC members whose faith continues to be lived out in meaningful ways, as they look for ways to transform the world around us.

After my triple by-pass surgery, I was supposed to move on to another sabbatical, but that period lasted only several months. It was interrupted by an assignment as pastor to St. Joseph Parish in Hamilton – an interruption that lasted 12 years. I started out there with Fr. Toby Collins, Fr. Michal Kruszewski and finally, Fr. Chris Buda. In the end, I remained the sole CR. There are several corks that pop up in my mind from my years at St. Joseph's, many of which involved our vibrant music ministry and the relationships I formed with our pastoral team. My ministry as pastor ended with the death of my kidneys and my introduction to dialysis. My retirement dream was always to be a retired priest in residence at St. Louis Parish, but the rectory did not prove compatible with my operated knees. Resurrection Manor was the only logical conclusion.

And now, here I am at the Manor with ten other Resurrectionists, living in a manner that most retirees could only hope for, that is to say, we are well taken care of. Food, shelter, a chapel, transportation, physical therapy, doctor and PSW visits -- there is not much left unattended. This past year has been a challenging year for me. As Bob Dylan sang, I have been "knocking on heaven's door" at least three times. My last stint in the hospital was blessed by walking two doors down the hall and sitting in prayer with my classmate, Fr. Murray McDermott, until he went home to God. Murray and I entered together in 1967; I was there as he died peacefully.



Fr. Jim Link, CR with his sister, Martha and brother, Don

These days, life at the Manor is fairly predictable. Those of us here see each other at meals, at chapel and gathering to "snooze with the news" after supper. The in-between times are filled with the busyness of the motley crew of CR's who are here. Almost half of every day for me is caught up with my peritoneal dialysis which happens while I sleep. It's not a burden but part of my daily routine and it is keeping me alive.

In the meantime, the journey continues for me. I try to be thankful for each day God gives me and to do the best with the energy and resources I have left. As a Resurrectionist, I have committed myself to let my life be a sign of the transforming power of God's love, bringing God's life and love to all and renewing the face of the earth. Finally, I thank all those thousands of people who have walked this journey with me in good times and in bad, especially my brother Don and sister Martha, who have supported me all my life. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Congratulations, Fr. Tim Uniac, CR

Celebrating 40 Years of Ordained Priesthood

(by Fr. Tim Uniac, CR)

As I reflect upon forty years of priesthood, I find myself asking: How was this possible? What sustained and nourished me over these past forty years to bring me to this moment of celebration? There are a number of things, events, and people that helped make forty years possible, all of which hold a special place in my memory and heart; however, one thing which keeps coming to my mind is Religious Life. It has been my life as a consecrated religious in the Congregation of the Resurrection that has made forty years of priesthood possible. It is this that I celebrate most, it is this that has sustained and nourished my priesthood.

What I am most proud of is the pride of place I give to Religious Life, to my community. I am proud to be a vowed Resurrectionist and to be of service to my community – I am in truth a Resurrectionist first, and priest second. This would explain why twenty-six years of my priesthood has been spent in full-time service and ministry to my community, not in priestly pastoral/parish ministry (parish ministry was all I wanted to do as a priest). My engagement in vocation recruitment, and as Youth Director of the Catholic Youth Organization, allowed me to go forth and brag about my community as I invited others to join or to engage more fully in their faith lives. My engagement in community leadership at both the local level and international level in Rome allowed me to share and celebrate community with my brother Resurrectionists from around the world. I find myself shocked at the number of various internal committees of the Congregation, and external Boards, that I have served on as a representative of the community over my journey of forty years – all of which made me proud to be a Resurrectionist.

While I have identified Religious Life as the core element of my priesthood, my pastoral ministry has been a sustaining and nourishing force as well. Serving in parishes in Brantford, Elmira, Waterloo, Kitchener, Hamilton, and Ruskin, Florida have been opportunities for me to exercise my pastoral ministry and to enter the lives of some amazing people. It has a been a privilege to enter deeply into the lives of people at both their happiest and their saddest moments, to walk spiritually with such committed and active people of faith, to stand back and watch people share and live their faith in ways I could not do, to become true friends with so many. Pastoral/parish ministry made all of this possible. This, too, has sustained me and nourished me for these forty years.

My family and close friends have been instrumental in my forty years of priesthood. I mention them last not because they are the least important -- no! I mention them last so that they will be the freshest on your mind as you, too, ask what has sustained and nourished me. My family and friends have been true examples of commitment and dedication, not just to me, but also to



their own vocational lives of faith. My parents, who recently celebrated 70 years of marriage, model for me what it means to be dedicated to your vocation. They have been the sustaining and nourishing force behind my priesthood.

Congratulations Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR

Celebrating 25 Years of Ordained Priesthood

Fr. Evandro is the only child of Arminda Miranda and the late Milton Rosa. He was born on July 21, 1975, in Mairiporã, São Paulo (SP), Brazil. His home parish is the Immaculate Conception Parish in Franco da Rocha (SP), on the outskirts of São Paulo. It was in this parish that Fr. Evandro received all the Sacraments of Christian initiation and celebrated his first Mass. Likewise, it was the original environment where Fr. Evandro became acquainted with the Congregation of the Resurrection, who staffed the parish.

Fr. Evandro joined the Novitiate program of the South American Region of the Congregation of the Resurrection in Curitiba, Paraná (PR), Brazil, in 1995 and professed his first vows on February 02, 1996. It was also in Curitiba (PR), that as a seminarian, he studied philosophy at the *Studium* OSBM. In December 1997, he was transferred to Rome, Italy, and became a member of the *Collegium Resurrectionis Romae*. He studied Sacred Theology at the Gregorian Pontifical University, where he graduated with a Sacred Bachelor's Degree of Theology. During this period, Fr. Evandro professed his perpetual vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection and was ordained Deacon in the Church of the Resurrectionist Generalate in Rome, on February 2, 2000 and April 28, 2000, respectively. On September 08, 2001, Fr. Evandro was ordained to the priesthood in the church of the "Risen Christ," in Franco da Rocha (SP), by the laying on of hands by the bishop of Hamilton, Bermuda, His Excellency Robert J. Kurtz, CR.



As a priest, Fr. Evandro continued his academic life, pursuing further theological studies. Accordingly, he earned a Licentiate (Master's Degree) and a Doctorate degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, respectively. Moreover, Fr. Evandro participated in courses on Christian Spirituality at Creighton University in Omaha, NE, USA and improved his skills and knowledge of the English language attending different-level programs at Renison College, at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. While studying English at Renison, Fr. Evandro cultivated a close relationship with the Canadian Province of Resurrectionists, and we have been blessed to continue strong ties ever since.

Throughout his 25 years of priesthood, Fr. Evandro has been prevalently engaged in the process of formation of new priests and has carried on administrative offices in the Congregation of the Resurrection. Between 2001 and 2011, Fr. Evandro served as Vice Rector and then as Rector of the International Seminary of the Congregation of the Resurrection in Rome (*Collegium Resurrectionis Romae*) and has been the Chairman of the Resurrectionist International Formation Commission since 2011. It was also in 2011 that Fr. Evandro was first elected to be member of the general government of the Congregation. During the first

six-year term, he developed the role of General Procurator and local Superior of the Roman House of the Resurrectionists. In 2017, during the 33rd General Chapter of the Resurrectionists, Fr. Evandro was chosen as Vicar General. Since then, abreast with the activities of Procurator General, Fr. Evandro served also as Econom General of his Order. Meanwhile, Fr. Evandro provided some pastoral assistance upon request in Italian parishes as well as in English speaking parishes staffed by the Congregation of the Resurrection in the USA, Canada and Bermuda. On June 28, 2023, during the 34th General Chapter of the Resurrectionists, held in Rome under the theme "Journeying Together in Hope," the capitulars elected Fr. Evandro as the Superior General of the Order for the next six years. Thus, Fr. Evandro has become the first Brazilian-born and member of the South American Region to fulfill this position in the 187 years of the existence of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

The International Congregation of the Resurrection has been blessed by Fr. Evandro's 25 years of priesthood, and 30 years of religious life. The Canadian Province is very grateful for the life and ministry of Fr. Evandro, and we pray for more fruitful and hope-filled years for him.

In Memoriam

Fr. Pasquale (Pat) Aiello, CR



Fr. Pasquale (Pat) Aiello, CR was set to celebrate a huge milestone on September 22nd of this year --70 years of ordained priesthood. Sadly, Fr. Pat died on June 22nd, in his 96th year of life and 77th year of religious life.

Fr. Pat professed his religious vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection on September 8, 1949 in Dundas and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood on September 22, 1956 in London. He began his ministry by teaching at North Bay College, North Bay and then at St. John's College, Brantford. Fr. Pat acted as Rector of Resurrection College Seminary. He ministered as Pastor of St. Pius Parish, Brantford, St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, and in Bermuda at St. Theresa's Cathedral, Hamilton and St. Anthony Parish, Warwick. He served as Assistant Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener. Fr. Pat first retired to North Fort Myers, Florida in 2005, and then to Resurrection Manor, Waterloo in 2012. Fr. Pat was a member of a number of committees within the Congregation and House Superior for Florida and Resurrection Manor Canonical Houses.

A man of deep faith, hope and love, Fr. Pat's life of faithful service touched the lives of his parishioners, brother religious, and family. Fr. Pat was a "man of action", believing in getting things done in a timely manner and he was very dedicated in looking after his fellow Manor members' needs. Even in the weeks before his passing Fr. Pat was still providing Spiritual Direction and prayer ministry, and we will miss his steady presence.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener on Friday, June 26th. Interment took place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener. May he rest in peace.

In Memoriam

Fr. Murray McDermott, CR

The Congregation of the Resurrection is also saddened by the death of Fr. Murray Francis McDermott, CR on Friday, August 28, 2026. He was 78 years old, in his 59th year of religious life and 50th year of ordained priesthood. Fr. Murray had recently moved from St. Francis Rectory in Kitchener to Resurrection Manor in Waterloo. Fr. Murray professed his religious vows in the Congregation on August 22, 1968 in Dundas, Ontario and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood on May 14, 1977 in Kitchener. He would have celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordained priesthood in 2027.



Fr. Murray began his ministry as Associate Pastor at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. In 1980, Fr. Murray began his apostolic work at the Children's Aid Society in Stratford, residing first at St. Aloysius Parish and later at Louis Hall. He became involved with Food for the Poor in 1988. Fr. Murray became a fulltime staff member of the Children's Aid Society in 1988 and devoted his life to helping the children and youth until his retirement in 2014. He was highly respected by the L'Arche Community and loved working/living with the people there. Fr. Murray was deeply involved in his religious community; he served on numerous committees and served as a Provincial Councillor. In 2012, Fr. Murray took over the role of Vicar Provincial and in 2014 was elected Provincial Superior. He then served as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener and continued as Priest in Residence after he retired. He was also House Superior for St. Jerome's University House, and recently was Chaplain for the Waterloo Knights of Columbus.

A man filled with hope, and rooted in faith and compassion, Fr. Murray's life of service touched the lives of his brother religious, family and those he encountered during his life of dedicated ministry. Fr. Murray enjoyed filling in for weekend Masses at our various parishes and at St. Jerome's University Catholic Community. Fr. Murray was a man with a big heart when it came to those in need of compassion, his family and his community members. He loved going to plays/musicals and in particular the Stratford Festival. He enjoyed skiing, spending time at the Resurrectionist cottages and was devoted to his family members.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Wednesday, September 2nd. Interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener. May he rest in peace.

Commemoration of Deceased Resurrectionists

On September 15th, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, Resurrectionists and Apostles of the Resurrection gathered in Mount Hope Cemetery, among the graves of our deceased members, and commemorated all the members of the Canadian Province who have passed away. With Our Lady of Sorrows, we weep for those who have died, but we also embrace the hope of Her Son's Resurrection, and offer thanks for the gift of God's redeeming love.

This year was particularly poignant as we remembered three Resurrectionists who have died since last year: Fr. Chris Buda, CR, Fr. Pat Aiello, CR, and Fr. Murray McDermott, CR. May these, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.



Apostles of the Resurrection

By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

On Saturday, September 19th, the Apostles of the Resurrection gathered at Resurrection College in Waterloo for a formation session, the first of five for this academic year. Thirteen Apostles attended in person, and five online, including a new Apostle from North Bay, Ontario.

In this session, Debbie and Daniel Delattre shared with the Apostles some of what they experienced at the International Resurrectionist Renewal Gathering held in Rome in June, 2026.

This year we will offer some resources on important figures in our Resurrectionist history - co-Founders Peter Semenenko and Jerome Kajsiewicz, and Servant of God Father Paweł Smolikowski. Their witness to the Risen Christ will inspire and encourage us.

If you are interested in the Apostles of the Resurrection, please feel free to contact Father Paul Voisin, at frpvoisincr@gmail.com, or the Provincial Office of the Canadian Province.



Fr. Toby Collins, CR with Daniel and Debbie Delattre

Journeying Together in Hope

By Debbie and Daniel Delattre



Participants in the June 2026 International Resurrectionist Renewal Gathering, Rome. "I have seen the Lord."

Apostles of the Resurrection Gathering

On September 19th, the Apostles of the Resurrection gathered for a session inspired by the International Resurrectionist Renewal Gathering held in Rome in June, 2026, attended by Debbie and Daniel Delattre and Fr. Toby Collins, CR. The session, presented by Debbie and Daniel, offered an opportunity to reflect on our shared spirituality, the richness of our international family, and the continuing call to renewal and mission.

The Emmaus *Journey: Recognizing the Risen Christ*

The session began with a reflection based on Fr. Evandro's opening presentation in Rome, "Journeying Together in Hope: The Emmaus Experience as a Guide for Our Shared Pilgrimage of Faith." Drawing on Luke 24:13–35, Fr. Evandro presented the journey to Emmaus as a model for our spiritual lives. The disciples' movement from discouragement to renewed faith reminds us that Christ is present even when life's challenges prevent us from recognizing Him.

Through Scripture, the breaking of bread, humility, and openness to others, the disciples encountered the Risen Lord and returned to their community with renewed purpose. We were invited to recognize obstacles in our own lives and begin the formation year with open hearts. Renewal begins with a personal encounter with the Risen Christ and leads toward communion and mission.

Rome2026: Experiencing Our International Resurrectionist Family

The second presentation shared the experiences of the Canadian Apostles at the International Resurrectionist Renewal Gathering. Vowed Resurrectionists and lay associates from several countries prayed, learned, and shared together, revealing the many ways the same charism is lived around the world.

Participants heard about lay initiatives in Brazil, Peru, and the United States, the Community of the Risen Christ "Galilea," and Poland's Light-Life movement. Although their approaches to formation and evangelization differed, each reflected a commitment to encountering Christ, building Christian community, and sharing the hope of the Resurrection. The encounters affirmed that lay Apostles and vowed Resurrectionists have distinct but complementary vocations, united in spirituality and mission.

Rediscovering Our Heritage and Mission

We reflected on visits to significant Resurrectionist sites that brought the Congregation's history to life. At the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, where the first Resurrection-

ists professed their vows in 1842, participants reflected on the Paschal Mystery of dying and rising with Christ. At the Shrine of Our Lady of Mentorella, the faith and perseverance of our founders—and the collaboration of religious and lay supporters—offered an enduring witness to renewal.

Throughout the gathering, prayer, Eucharistic celebrations, formation, and fellowship strengthened the bonds of the international Resurrectionist family. Reflections on leadership, unity, and the life of Fr. Paweł Smolikowski emphasized humility, service, and openness to God's will.

Bringing the Experience Home

The presentations invited Apostles and vowed members to consider how these experiences can enrich our own communities and ministries. Our four pillars—Prayer, Formation, Apostolate, and Fellowship—remain essential to living the Resurrectionist charism. Rome challenged us to deepen our spiritual lives, strengthen collaboration between lay and vowed members, welcome new generations, and translate formation into meaningful service.

Above all, Resurrectionist renewal is not simply about preserving history or maintaining activities. It is about allowing the Risen Christ to renew our lives, strengthen our communities, and inspire our mission in today's world. Highlights video link: https://youtu.be/Sx-B0loTeSM

A Bountiful Summer in the Resurrection Garden

By Amy Cyr, Kitchen Project Coordinator/Head Chef, Tiny Home Takeout

This summer, the Resurrection Garden lived up to its new name in a beautiful and abundant way. What began as a full makeover became so much more than a refreshed outdoor space. It became a place of growth, nourishment, conversation, and community.

With a brand-new fence, rock and landscape fabric, galvanized garden beds, and cow panel trellises, the garden was transformed from a space that once demanded so much time fighting weeds into one that could truly be used for growing. The hope was simple: to create a garden where fruits, vegetables, and flowers could thrive, and where the work of many hands would help support the Tiny Home Takeout kitchen. This summer, it delivered!

Over the past few months, hundreds upon hundreds of pounds of vegetables made their way from the Resurrection Garden to the Tiny Home Takeout kitchen. The variety was incredible, and the difference was felt in every Daily Bite. There is something unmistakable about the taste of homegrown vegetables, and that freshness brought our meals to life in a new way. It also brought people together, sparking conversation around the dinner table among guests and volunteers alike.

The garden was full of life all season long. The birds were happy, the bees were buzzing, and although we discovered a groundhog on site—now affectionately known as Jack—we are happy to report that he stayed out of the garden. With each harvest, we saw the bountiful fruits of our labour, not only in the produce we gathered,



Stephanie McLean and Amy Cyr standing in front of the sunflowers at their peak

but in the joy and nourishment it brought to others.

As we look ahead, we are praying for another bountiful harvest next year. During the winter months, we hope to experiment with some indoor growing at Resurrection



Erika Toffelmire and Isabella Poulopoulos standing in front of the tomatoes mid season



Some of the many varieties of vegetables from the garden

College and, God willing, begin starting some of our own seeds for the next growing season.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, energy, and care this summer to keep the Resurrection Garden healthy and growing. Because of your hard work, our garden-to-table approach flourished, and our guests were well nourished by the goodness grown right here in our own community.

The Tanzanian Mission – Visit of Our Superior General

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR, our Superior General, conducted his 2026 canonical visitation of the Tanzanian Mission from Sunday, July 26 to Monday, August 17. It was a time to meet with each member of the mission, to visit houses of formation and apostolates, and to preside over various vows ceremonies that took place during this time period. The visitation began quickly. Fr. Jim Donohue, CR, the local superior of the mission and the rector of the formation house in Morogoro, met Fr. Evandro at the airport in Dar es Salaam at 2:15 a.m. After a quick drive to a



Fr. Yohana and Fr. Evandro unveil the plaque celebrating the new parish primary school.

local hotel for a few hours of rest, Fr. Yohana Kachwele, CR arrived at the hotel to pick up Fr. Evandro and Fr. Jim so that they could participate in the morning Eucharist in our new parish, Mary, Mother of God in Nyantira (Dar es Salaam).

Highlights of the visitation included celebrating Sunday Eucharist, meeting the parish council, dedicating the new primary school, and meeting with Fr. Yohana Kachwele, CR (pastor) and Emmanuel Ntula, CR (pastoral year).

The visitation then shifted to the Formation House in Morogoro. At this point the membership of the Formation House includes Fr. Jim and Br. Mosses (formators), Petro Kushaha and Selestine Matutu (3rd year theology), Valentino Chatanda and Livinus Galeba (2nd year theology), Jerome Jonas, Cleophase Kajuna, and Audax Maganya



Fr. Jim, Fr. Evandro, and Selestine Matutu witness the renewal of vows.

(1st year theology), Karoli Kavishe, Joseph Amani, and Paschal Rwigana (2nd year philosophy), Alexander Baraka, Emmanuel Faraja, Evodius Mushumbusi, Adrian Mzuma, Anold Peregrine, and Silvestian Sanga (1st year philosophy). Added to this number in the fall will be 10 new postulants, and 9 new seminarians in 1st year philosophy for a total of 37 members. Fr. Evandro began his personal visitation with all the members of the formation house in the midst of the examinations and also the



Selestine Matutu, CR celebrates his final profession of vows.



Fr. Evandro is presented with some small gifts by Valentino Chatanda and Livinus Galeba.



Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR (Novice Director) and Fr. Evandro pose with the new novices!



There are many faithful young altar servers at the Butiama parish.

preparation for the perpetual vows of Selestine Matutu, CR, on August 1.

Unfortunately, Fr. Evandro's luggage did not make it to Mwanza! After waiting for a few hours, the luggage arrived and we all departed for Butiama. The drive was now in the evening and it is safe to say that with the darkness and the bad roads, the five-hour drive was harrowing!

Fr. Phillip Justinian Makondo, CR is the pastor of Blessed Mary of the Blood of Jesus Parish in Butiama. He is assisted by Vitalis Masika, CR, a perpetually professed Resurrectionist who is finished his theological studies and is currently serving in his pastoral year of studies. Fr. Evandro and Fr. Jim joined Fr. Phillip and Vitalis for the parish Mass on Sunday. Fr. Evandro shifted to St. John Paul II Parish in Buhemba on Thursday, August 13 in order to finish his canonical visitation. Fr. Maciej Braun is the pastor and the director of the Resurrection pre-primary, primary and secondary schools. The novitiate, under the direction of Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR, is also located in Buhemba. The visitation was timed such that Fr. Evandro could welcome the nine postulants who were entering novitiate and could receive the first vows of the nine novices who were finishing novitiate.

The church was full of family, friends and parishioners as we celebrated this great day. After their profession of first vows, each young man put on their religious habit and received a copy of the Resurrectionist Constitutions and a cross. The celebration continued after the Eucharist in the school hall. There was plenty of singing and dancing and eating!



Fr. Evandro presents the Resurrection Constitutions to Luis Kasigara after profession of his first vows.

The visitation continued as Fr. Evandro participated in the Sunday Eucharist on the day after the vow celebration. He was able to address the congregation with the help of Fr. Maciej's translation skills.

Following Mass, Fr. Evandro and Fr. Jim were driven to Mwanza by Fr. Maciej so that they could catch their flight to Dar es Salaam early the next morning. Arriving in



Six Resurrectionist priests were present: Fr. Andrzej, Fr. Maciej, Fr. Jim, Fr. Evandro, Fr. Yohana, and Fr. Phillip.

Dar es Salaam, Fr. Evandro departed early the next morning for Rome in order to prepare for the EGC meeting, and Fr. Jim departed later in the day for the U.S.A. for vacation. The canonical visitation lasted 23 days, punctuated by over 3,000 kilometers of travel by car, rail, and plane, and one set of lost luggage.

In the course of this time, however, Fr. Evandro was able to meet with each of the 10 of the perpetually professed Resurrectionists, 34 of the men in initial formation, and even a few of the 10 men who are joining us as postulants this year.

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