

# Resurrection

## BULLETIN



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### In Memoriam

#### Fr. Lech Wycichowski, CR

On January 26, 2022, Fr. Lech Wycichowski, CR, a member of the Congregation of the Resurrection, passed away unexpectedly in Hamilton, Ontario. He was 75 years old, in his 57th year of religious life and 48th year of ordained priesthood.

Fr. Lech was predeceased by his parents Jan and Jadwiga (nee Kolaska) and his sister Ewa Makowski. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his sisters Halina (+Edwin) Makowski and her children Dagmara and Dariusz, and Iwona (Jan) Juras and their son Szymon, and by his many friends, parishioners and former students.

On August 26, 1964, Fr. Lech professed his religious vows in the Congregation in Radziwillow, Poland and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood on June 9, 1973 in Krakow, Poland.

Fr. Lech began his ministry in 1973 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Sulislawice. From 1975 to 1986 he ministered in the following places in Poland: Poznan-Wilda, Krakow, Zlocieniec, Poznan-Smochowice, Wierzchowo and Bytom. He served as Associate Pastor and catechist with children and youth and taught religion for 30 hours a week while fulfilling his pastoral duties at the parish. In April, 1986 Fr. Lech came to Canada where he served as Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Parish in Brantford until 1991. In 1994 Fr. Lech formally transferred to the Ontario-Kentucky Province. His next appointment was as Associate Pastor at St. Stanislaus Parish, Hamilton where

he ministered until 2013. Fr. Lech became Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Kitchener in 2013. In 2020 Fr. Lech ministered at St. Joseph's Parish, Brantford for one year. In December of 2021 he retired to St. Stanislaus Parish, Hamilton as a priest in residence.



Fr. Lech Wycichowski, CR

Fr. Lech had a special devotion to the Divine Mercy as well as to St. Faustyna Kowalska and St. John Paul II. He also loved leading pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and he visited there several times.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Stanislaus Parish on February 2nd. Interment followed at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener. May Fr. Lech rest in peace.

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## In Memoriam Fr. Peter Pigott, CR

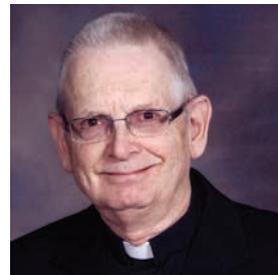
The Congregation of the Resurrection announces the passing of Fr. Peter Pigott, CR on March 20th, 2022. He was born on July 5, 1939 in Hamilton, Ontario, to Roy and Evelyn (nee Jackson) Pigott. After completing studies at Cathedral High School in Hamilton, Fr. Peter professed first vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection in Dundas, Ontario on September 8, 1958. He professed perpetual vows on September 8, 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1965 in London, Ontario. After ordination, Fr. Peter began his priestly ministry as a Catholic educator at St. Jerome's University and then moved to parish ministry at St. Pius X Parish in Brantford. He also ministered at St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton, St. Theresa's Parish, Hamilton, Bermuda, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Beaumont, Texas, St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, and St. Louis Parish, Waterloo. In his later years he resided at Resurrection Manor in Waterloo. Diminishing health forced a move to Lanark Place Long Term Care Facility in Kitchener in 2022, where he died.

Fr. Peter took seriously the words in our Mission Statement that we "join in solidarity with people diminished by unjust structures." Father Peter was sensitive to the needs of the poor and disadvantaged, especially those "diminished" in society because of their race, faith, or nationality. He always sought to bring Hope, our Congregation's Charism, to those he met, so that they, too, could work for the resurrection of society. May he rest in peace.

A funeral mass was held on March 26th at St. Eugene's Chapel, Resurrection College, Waterloo. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington.

## Congratulations, Fr. Jim!

The Congregation of the Resurrection is proud to announce that Rev. James Michael Donohue, C.R., Ph.D., a distinguished theology professor at Mount St. Mary's University, will be the speaker for the 214th commencement exercises at the university on May 14. Fr. Jim will be honoured with a doctorate of humane letters in recognition of his service to the university, his order and the local and global communities.



Fr. Peter Pigott, CR



Fr. Jim Donohue, CR



Mount St. Mary's posted the following on its website:

"Donohue came to Mount St. Mary's in 1996 as an assistant professor of theology and quickly became one of the university's most popular faculty members. Twenty-six years later, he is retiring from the university after this academic year so that he can support his order, the Congregation of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in building up the Church in Tanzania. He began his work in Tanzania during a sabbatical from the Mount in 2019-20.

"Through his numerous leadership roles, his work on key initiatives, his long list of publications and presentations, and his popularity as a teacher, Fr. Jim has generously given much to the university and its students," said President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D. "We are blessed that he has spent a considerable share of his life of service at the Mount and look forward to seeing him spread his goodness in Tanzania."

Fr. Jim received the Richards Award for Teaching Excellence in 2000 and a Carnegie Foundation nomination for the U.S. Professor of the Year Award in 2005. As a leader on campus, he served as Theology Department chair, Knott Professor of Theology, faculty chair, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, co-chair of Middle States Accreditation and ice hockey coach. He has taught thousands of Mount students, married many alumni couples and baptized many of their children.

Among Donohue's many writings is the book *Moral Vision: Seeing the World with Love and Justice*, coauthored in 2018 with Associate Provost David McCarthy, Ph.D. He is a frequent book reviewer and a prolific blogger for his order. He also blogged for the MSMU Travel Blog during the last of the three times that he led a study abroad semester in Prague.

Fr. Jim earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from St. Jerome's College, The University of Waterloo;



*Fr. Jim at a reception at Mount St. Mary's University*

Master of Divinity from St. Peter's Seminary, The University of Western Ontario; Master of Arts in theology from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago; and Ph.D. in theology from the Catholic University of America.

For over 30 years, he generously served two Maryland Catholic parishes, St. John's Parish in Columbia and St. Bernadette's Parish, Severn. He has given many lectures, retreats, and workshops at these and many other parishes." Congratulations, Fr. Jim!

## **Election of Councillors**

On Easter Monday, April 18th, members of the Ontario-Kentucky Province will elect two Provincial Councillors as the terms of Fr. Dave Mowat, CR and Fr. Jim Link, CR have ended. New councillors will serve for a three-year term, and will join Fr. Tim Uniac, CR (Provincial), Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR (Vicar Provincial), Fr. Sudie MacDonald, CR and Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR on the Provincial Council.

## St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton

It is with great sadness that we share the news that St. Joseph's Parish is no longer being served by the members of the Congregation of the Resurrection, effective March 29th. The parish, established in 1894, was served by Diocesan clergy until 1933, when the Congregation of the Resurrection was asked to take charge of the parish. Fr. B. Wilbert Mayer, CR was the first CR pastor.



*St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, Ontario*

Now, after 89 years of Resurrectionist leadership, the parish has been returned to the stewardship of the Diocese of Hamilton, due to a shortage of Resurrectionist personnel. Bishop Douglas Crosby has appointed Monsignor Murray Kroetsch as the new pastor.

We thank Fr. Jim Link, CR, who has served as Pastor at St. Joseph's since 2009, and the many Resurrectionist pastors and associates who served St. Joseph's so faithfully over the last 89 years. We ask for the Lord's blessing on the people of St. Joseph's Parish and the priests who guide them.



*Fr. Jim Link, CR*

## Truth and ReconciliAction Circle

*By Caterina Lindman*

The Truth and ReconciliAction Circle is one of three main outreach activities of St. Mary's parish, Kitchener, Ontario, along with A Better Tent City and Tiny Home Takeout. What is ReconciliAction? While reconciliation is about justice and healing, ReconciliAction reminds us that action is vital!



*Caterina Lindman,  
member of the Truth and  
ReconciliAction Circle*

The purpose of the Truth and ReconciliAction Circle is to learn about the historic relationship of Settlers to Indigenous people, and to act towards reconciliation. We learn by reading, attending webinars, watching documentaries, group discussion, field trips, and entering into relationships with Indigenous people. We strive to honour the Divine in every individual.

Our group has visited the Anishnabeg Outreach Centre in Kitchener. We were given a tour of the Centre, and we learned about the two-row wampum belt, medicine gardens, and how to make cedar tea. Stephen Jackson, the CEO of the Centre, shared his vision of Truth and Reconciliation. Reconciliation is made up of justice and healing. He said that we should not focus on achieving justice for past transgressions, as that is divisive and leads to



*Walking along the Two Row Wampum, which symbolizes the first historic treaty between the Haudenosaunee people and European settlers*





*Elder Elaine with Richard Olson, chair of the Truth and ReconciliAction Circle*

the question of whether there is enough justice. Rather, we should work on healing, which is about moving forward, finding new futures, and creating possibilities and alliances. Healing must occur for both sides in a conflict, and that can only occur through partnership. When two groups of people are striving for the same goal, the end result is a success as the conflicting issue has been resolved.

Our group also meets with Elder Elaine Endanawas. Elder Elaine has met with us a few times, where she leads us in a time of prayer, song, drumming, smudging and sharing. We found these experiences really powerful and profound. It was a time to delve deeper into our own woundedness, and to listen deeply.



*Listening to a presentation at the Anishnabeg Outreach Centre in Kitchener*



*Fr. Jim meets Pope Francis during the General Chapter in 2017*

## **The Trail to Tanzania**

*By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR*

If we believe that we become a certain kind of person because of the many influences upon us in life, my path to Tanzania probably goes back a long way. But I would point to a particular moment that made me think more concretely about joining our mission in Tanzania. It happened on Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Rome when, during our General Chapter in Rome, we met Pope Francis.

While this personal moment was incredible, the text that Pope Francis delivered to us is an inspiration that I have continued to ponder. Pope Francis reminded us that “Nostalgia for a past that was rich in vocations and impressive achievements must not prevent you from seeing the life that the Lord is causing to blossom, today too, in your midst. Do not yield to nostalgia, but be men who, moved by faith in the God of history and of life, proclaims the coming of the dawn amid the darkness of the night (cf. Isa 21:11-12).” This is particularly poignant at a time when most of us are saddened by decreasing numbers and aged membership. I also felt that Pope Francis was urging me, personally, to take Mary Magdalene as my model: “Mary Magdalene and the other women who went to the tomb that morning

(cf. Lk 24:1-8) were women ‘on the move’: they abandoned their ‘nest’ and set out; they took a risk. The Spirit is calling you too, Brothers of the Resurrection, to be men who set out, to be an Institute ‘on the move’ towards every human periphery, wherever the light of the Gospel needs to be brought.”

After the General Chapter, I knew that I wanted to apply for a sabbatical from teaching at Mount St. Mary’s University for an entire year, and, like Phil Reilly, C.R., who had a sabbatical a few years earlier, I knew that I wanted to visit our mission in Tanzania for 4-5 weeks. But, as we say, a funny thing happened on the way! Fr.

Paul Voisin, C.R., our Superior General, asked me if I would consider staying in Tanzania, not for a month, but for a year. We needed to have a novitiate for 10 candidates, but if Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R. was to lead the novitiate, someone would have to serve as rector for our seminarians. I said “yes,” and as the poet Robert Frost wrote, “That has made all the difference!”

It is difficult to put into words the experience I had in Tanzania. The Swahili word that graces the gate to our formation house is KARIBU, which means “WELCOME.” That word might summarize best how I was taken in by the Resurrectionist priests, brothers and seminarians, as well as the many people I encountered each day. They excused my ignorance of ways and customs, encouraged me in learning Swahili, provided example of prayer and devotion, and gave me a “home away from home.”

I have served at Mount St. Mary’s University for 26 years now. These have been incredible years of formation to be a teacher and a scholar. So many people took me “under their wing,” sharing their



*The Resurrectionist seminarians with some of our neighbouring religious sisters after Mass*

wisdom and gracing me with their presence. I have taught Theology to thousands of students, hoping more than anything that they will come to a greater knowledge of God as the One who loves them unconditionally and of Jesus’ Paschal Dynamic that brings us the hope of new life through all our sufferings and deaths. It has been a privileged time in my life. I will be forever grateful for the generosity of so many Mount people—faculty, administrators, students, staff, trustees, and alumni—as well as for their encouragement and support of my vocation as a Resurrectionist priest.

It is the most difficult discernment to transition from one thing to another, especially when you find joy and fulfilment in both. Upon reflection, however,



*Priests gather at the Diaconate ordination of Phillip Justinian, CR in 2020*

I noticed something had changed within me. At first it was almost imperceptible, but then I recognized that something had changed. Maybe a story will illustrate this change. I arrived in Tanzania in early August, 2019. I would go for a walk each day and once in a while I would find myself day-dreaming about returning to my community, my family and friends, and my teaching at Mount St. Mary's University. I would note the number of months before I returned. But then I noticed by the end of October that my day-dreaming had changed. Instead of counting down the months before I would return to North America, I started to count down the months before I would have to leave Tanzania! Something was happening within me and I trust that it is God speaking to me, encouraging me to trust this new path that God has opened for me. I appreciate all the graces that God has bestowed upon me at Mount St. Mary's University and now I look forward to the opportunity to serve in our Resurrectionist mission in Tanzania.

## Twentieth Anniversary Celebrations



The Congregation of the Resurrection

in Tanzania marked a very special milestone on February 27th, as it celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of its mission in Tanzania. The people celebrated at Our Lady of the Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in Butiama with a special Mass, a banquet and lots of dancing. In only twenty years since its foundation in 2002, the mission has grown tremendously and is thriving. There are now 24 Resurrectionists, including four priests, one deacon, two brothers and 17 seminarians. May God continue to bless the Resurrectionist Mission.

As well as the twentieth anniversary festivities, the Congregation also celebrated another significant event on February 27th. Brother Moses Katikiro, CR, professed Perpetual Vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection. He will continue to minister with Fr. Phillip and Fr. Daniel at Our Lady of the Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in Butiama. Congratulations, Brother Moses!



*Celebrating 20 years in Tanzania!*



*Waiting in line to congratulate Brother Moses*



*Brother Moses Katikiro, CR*



*Polish and Ukrainian Volunteers from the Galilee Community gathering donations*



*Refugees lining up for aid in Krakow, Poland*



*Refugees crossing the border into Poland*

## Resurrectionist Aid for Ukraine

February 24th began Russia's brutal and unprovoked aggression against Ukraine, resulting in the deaths of many innocent people, and forcing families to flee their homes and country. The Resurrectionists have two parishes in Western Ukraine, in Lviv and Sambor. They are also responsible for a large Galilee Community in Ukraine. About 70 km from Lviv is the main border crossing between Ukraine and Poland, and it is here that more than 2.5 million refugees have crossed into safety and been welcomed by the people of Poland.

Resurrectionists throughout Poland have joined the aid effort in providing assistance to the refugees, and to those who remain in cities under attack. Food, medical supplies, hygiene products and cleaning supplies are being collected in various parishes and at the Montessori School to send to the Resurrectionists working in Ukraine. The Galilee community in Poland has delivered many busloads of supplies and humanitarian aid. Families in Ukraine are being transported to safety in Poland through the efforts of the Galilee community. They are being picked up from the railway station and from the border in Poland. Many buses have transported aid to people under attack in Eastern Ukraine, and have transported refugees from the East to safety.



*Volunteer loading a bus filled with humanitarian aid*



*Ukrainians fleeing into Poland*

Resurrectionists are also working with Caritas, providing financial support. The Galilee community has several doctors, translators, teachers and a psychologist helping with the many refugees that they are housing.

Churches, rectories, retreat centres and convents in Poland have been turned into refugee centres, providing food, accommodation, medical and psychological assistance to terrified families, mostly women, children and elderly people. Monetary donations, as well as food, clothing, childrens' toys, blankets, cleaning products, etc. have been made. Truckloads and buses filled with needed items to help those fighting to protect their cities include generators, fireproof clothing, equipment for the fire brigade, sleeping bags, carrimats and mattresses, gasoline canisters, torches, powerbanks, medical supplies and bandages, pallets of water and canned food.

Arrangements are being made for children to go to school, and work is being found for many of the adults. Help is given to those needing documents to cross the border. Many parishioners in parishes throughout Poland are taking refugees into their homes.

## **Prayer for Ukraine**

*God of peace and justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down  
of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for  
tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw  
near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war  
or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and  
compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious  
children, at-risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince  
of Peace.  
Amen.*



*Woman and her baby receiving aid*

In Sambor, in Western Ukraine, donations and humanitarian aid are unloaded and sorted by volunteers as they arrive from the Polish-Ukrainian border. Many items are sent to Eastern Ukraine, where they are most needed, and the rest are used for the refugees who have come to Sambor. Many families are inviting refugees into their homes.

Please continue to pray for Resurrectionists dealing with this terrible humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, and for the people of Ukraine, that God will give them strength, courage and hope in this most difficult time.



*Fr. Paul Voisin, CR with Fr. Kazimierz Mikucki, CR, Fr. Jaroslav Plaza, CR and Fr. Mikolaj Lipitak, CR at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Lviv*



*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lviv, Ukraine.*



## **Apostles of the Resurrection Retreat**

Apostles were invited to spend a quiet day of reflection and prayer at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster on Saturday, April 9th. It

was the first time that the Apostles had gathered in person since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020. The day included praying Mary's Way of the Cross in the centre's beautiful chapel, as well as times of private prayer and reflection. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, coordinator of the Apostles of the Resurrection, presided at a closing Mass. The retreat provided an opportunity to prepare our hearts for the start of the most holy week of the year for Christians.



*Mount Mary Retreat Centre chapel*

## Prayers

Prayers are requested for **Fr. Jim Link, CR**, who is suffering from kidney disease and is undergoing dialysis. As a result of his ongoing health issues, Fr. Jim has had to leave as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Hamilton, and is recuperating with friends. Fr. Jim is also waiting to become strong enough to have a knee replacement.

We continue to pray for **Fr. Fred Scinto, CR**, who is living at Lanark Place Long Term Care facility, and for **Fr. Tim Uniack, CR**, who continues to be treated for serious back issues. We also remember in our prayers all Resurrectionists who are experiencing health issues. May God bring them healing and comfort.

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## Upcoming Events

### Lay Associates' Conference

The conference of Resurrectionist lay associations will take place at the Generalate in Rome from June 12-18. The conference had originally been planned for the summer of 2020, but was postponed twice because of COVID 19. Two of our Apostles of the Resurrection, Bob Sproule and Wanda Cakebread, were chosen as delegates to the conference. They will meet with delegates from other lay associations that work with Resurrectionists in different parts of the world.

### Annual Retreat

Members of the Ontario-Kentucky Province will hold their annual retreat at Resurrection College from June 27th to July 1st. The theme for both the retreat and the Provincial Chapter that follows will be: "They were of one heart and mind" (Acts 4:32). Jesuit priests Fr. Gilles Mongeau, S.J and Fr. Adam Lalonde, S.J. will be the facilitators.

### Provincial Chapter

The following week, from July 4-8, members will gather at Resurrection College for the Provincial Chapter. The Chapter is held every three years; its purpose is to look back at and evaluate the Province's ministries over the past three years and to plan for the future of the Province. The Chapter will also be facilitated by Fr. Gilles Mongeau, S.J and Fr. Adam Lalonde, S.J.

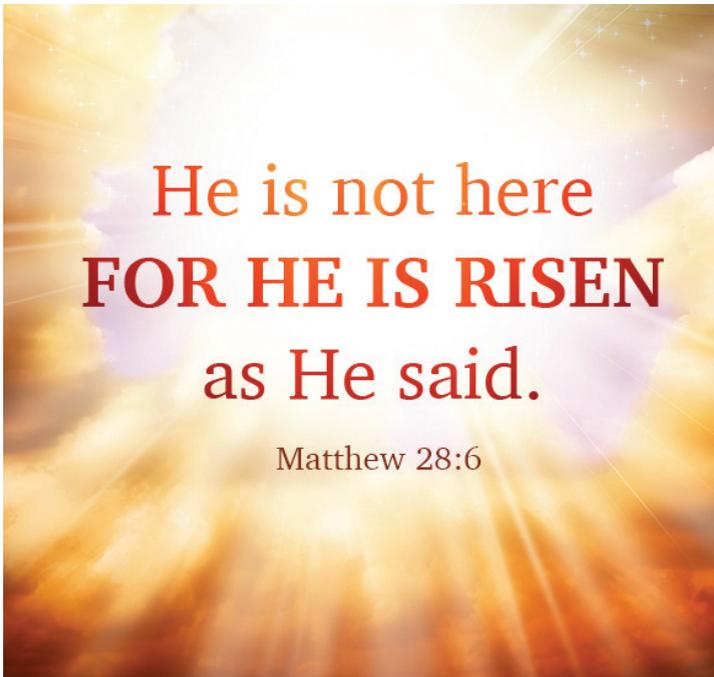
### Jubilarian Celebration 2022

The Jubilarian celebration to honour Resurrectionists marking significant anniversaries will take place on Friday, July 1st. The celebration will take place at St. Louis Parish, Waterloo, where we will honour Fr. Phil Reilly, CR and Fr. Sam Restivo, CR celebrating 40 years of priesthood, and Fr. Ray Reitzel, CR celebrating 60 years of priesthood. Because of COVID restrictions, the celebration could not take place last year as planned.

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## Where are They Now?

Brother Edward Benson, CR has returned from Kentucky and is now living at Resurrection Manor in Waterloo. Brother Ed had been living in Louisville, helping with the care of Fr. John Lesousky, CR. After the death of Fr. John in 2021, Brother Ed returned to Waterloo. He was the last Resurrectionist from the Ontario-Kentucky Province to serve in Kentucky. Brother Ed can be reached at Resurrection Manor, 265 Westmount Road North, Unit 304, Waterloo, On N2L 3G7. His email address is ecjbcr@gmail.com.



May the renewal of life at Easter bring new blessings of love, hope, peace and good health to you and your loved ones.

Alleluia!

### 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 the people in our care.

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