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Ad Multos Annos!

To many years! This is an appropriate acclamation this year, as the Canadian Province celebrates the anniversaries of four members of the Province, totaling 200 years of ministry. Fr. David Mowat, CR celebrated sixty years of ordained priesthood on March 30th with a special gathering of family and religious house members at Resurrection Manor. Brother David Ernst, CR will commemorate sixty years as a professed Brother in the Congregation on September 8th. Fr. James Donohue, CR, will celebrate forty years of ordained priesthood on April 29th and Fr. Adam Wroblewicz, CR's fortieth anniversary is on May 14th. A community gathering will be held to honour these men later this year.

All four men were asked to reflect on their years of ministry. In this issue we will highlight Fr. Dave Mowat, CR and Fr. James Donohue, CR.

Reflections on my 60th Anniversary of Ordination

By Rev. David G. Mowat, CR

Back in the early 1950's when I was deciding on whether or not I had a vocation to the priesthood, I talked about my decision with Fr. Clarence Hauser, who was one of my high school teachers. One point he mentioned made a great impression on me. The diocesan priesthood could be very lonely, while a community of priests and brothers like the Congregation of the Resurrection provided a lot of support throughout the working years and into retirement.

I chose to join the Resurrectionists, and 60 years of ordained life have proven the correctness of Fr. Hauser's observation. What he neglected to tell me – and what I discovered first hand – was that the community was not just the fountainhead of many blessings – but the community was also the source of an abundance of trials and tribulations!

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Fr. Dave Mowat, CR, presiding at his Anniversary Mass

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Fr. Dave with members of Resurrection Manor House

In my teaching years, mathematics, computer science and teaching administration were paramount. However as the years passed, the realization dawned that people were so much more significant than the bare disciplines of a science or a profession. That insight and conviction has enriched my life so much that the trials and tribulations of community living became insignificant, compared to the rewards of sharing a life and life’s experiences with a group of similarly convinced people. So for the tremendous blessings of these last sixty years I am truly grateful, both to God and to the wonderful community that has supported me all these years.

Celebrating 40 years of Ordained Priesthood – Fr. James Donohue, CR

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR



Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

As I reflect upon forty years of priesthood in the Congregation of the Resurrection, one word comes to mind: gratitude. I am grateful to God for this call to religious life and priesthood and for all the people that God has put into my life to support and encourage this call.

I am grateful to my parents-Betty and Gene-and to my brothers-Brian, Bill, and Michael-for helping me grow up in a household that was a source of love and encouragement. Church, school, sports, extended family gatherings, and family outings shaped me in many positive ways that I simply did not appreciate at the time. Family support continued to grow through my brothers’ marriages, and I am grateful to Brian’s wife, Lynn, and their daughters Megan and Elise, and to Bill’s wife, Nancy, for their love. I must also mention my “Maryland cousins,” especially Barbara and Jack Doane, who always welcomed me with open arms.

I am grateful to all those I have encountered in education. This is an extremely long list because I have spent almost my entire life



in school! Except for my first five years of life and two years ministering as a priest at St. Aloysius Parish, I have either been studying or teaching in Catholic schools for over 60 years. Elementary and secondary school teachers-many of whom I still remember-taught and formed me to have success in both undergraduate and graduate studies. As a 19-year-old seminarian at Resurrection College, my experience as an undergraduate at St. Jerome's University was life-changing. Teachers such as Doug Letson and Ken McLaughlin not only introduced me into the disciplines of English and History, but they enkindled in me a love for learning and a foundation for future theological studies and teaching. Seminary studies at St. Peter's shifted my focus from English to Theology. Graduate studies, under the tutelage of too many great teachers to begin to name, sharpened my theological focus and prepared me for a career of teaching, scholarship, and service at Mount St. Mary's University.

Twenty-six years is a long time to be in one place, but Mount St. Mary's University is not just a "place" but a



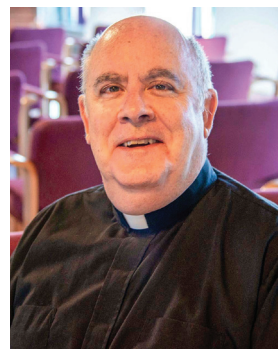
Fr. Jim Donohue, CR with two young servers

"home" to so many people whom I came to love and who came to love me. I will be eternally grateful to the many faculty who took me "under their wings" in my first years. I think particularly of Bill Portier, Bill Collinge, Patsy McDonald, Mike Towle, and Carol Hinds. Colleagues such as David McCarthy, Mary Kate Birge, and Dana Ward have become life-long friends. Hockey players whom I coached for over 25 years are still part of my life. Student encounters, inside and outside the classroom, provided challenges, joys and fulfilment.

Over the years, I am grateful for friendships that I still cherish, namely, Joe Della Torre, Kevin Donelson, Don LaSalle, Ann and Larry McDonald, Erlinda Navasca, Lisa and Dan Bell, and Gloria Balsley. Each in his or her own way has nurtured, supported, and loved me beyond what I ever expected.

Last, but certainly not least, I am grateful for the Congregation of the Resurrection. I have been formed, encouraged, supported, challenged, and loved by members for 50 years. It started at Resurrection College in 1974, but members of the Congregation have supported me in my educational and pastoral ministry throughout these many years. Even now, in my new missionary ministry, the community, both provincial and international, has supported me each step of the way. My gratitude extends now to the men in Tanzania with whom I minister, as we work for the resurrection of society. I am in awe at how they have welcomed me in ways unimaginable.

Election of Provincial Superior



*Fr. Tim Uniac, CR,
Provincial Superior*

The members of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection held an election on February 18th for the position of Provincial Superior. The term of office of the Provincial is three years; Fr. Tim Uniac, CR has served in this role since first being elected in 2020. On February 18th, Fr. Tim was

re-elected and will continue to lead the Province until 2026. Congratulations, Fr. Tim! An election for Vicar Provincial will take place on April 22nd.

Vocation Ministry Today

By Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

On June 30th, 2021 at 12:00 noon, after returning from a retreat to help me transition between ministries, I began my new assignment to three ministries on behalf of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection: Vocation Ministry, the Apostles of the Resurrection, and Communications.

It seemed like a challenging time – the painful legacy of the Canadian Residential Schools and the Catholic Church’s involvement in them was on the forefront of everyone’s minds. People were already leaving the Church and disillusioned by the clergy sexual abuse and cover up scandals, and some people felt ashamed to be Catholic, to say nothing of entertaining the now even more distasteful possibility of dedicating one’s life in service of the Church.

But if that 7 day individually directed silent retreat I made that summer did one thing for me, it renewed my hope. The verse of Scripture that summarized my experience was: “for who hopes for what one sees?” (Romans 8:24). My experience during COVID lockdowns, like so many others, was a difficult and isolating one. And my horizon was growing narrower and narrower. But on that retreat, I found myself face to face with where walking by what we think we “see” leads us. I remember saying to my retreat director, and also to God: “I feel like I don’t love anyone. And that’s not a healthy place for a priest to be.”

But God brought me to a place to see that hope is not in what we currently see, but an act of trust, to choose to get behind what God sees, even if we don’t see it right now. And that really freed me to step into my new role in Vocation Ministry – not with fear or self-protective cynicism and despair – but with an open heart, even in the midst of everything going on in the Church, in our Canadian society, and in the world.

I began by interviewing all the past CR vocation

directors to ask them about their experiences, and also some non-CR vocation directors, some of whom were former seminary classmates and who were now vocation directors in their respective dioceses. Then I reached out to the vocation director for the Diocese of Hamilton, in which the Canadian Province of the Resurrectionists is entirely contained, to talk about ways we could collaborate, and not compete.

I also participated in the National Religious Vocation Conference (NRVC)’s orientation program for new vocation directors. My main take-away from that was that my job was not only to promote vocations, but I was also the gatekeeper. It would be my job to assess potential candidates for their capacity to be formed for religious life, and then to make a recommendation to the Provincial Council to admit them or not. After that, it would be up to our formation team to assess whether that capacity really existed and whether it stands a chance of being reasonably actualized.

It was difficult in the beginning to figure out my place. The four universities in the Diocese of Hamilton – McMaster, Guelph (my Alma Mater), and Waterloo and Laurier each had their own Diocesan priest assigned as their chaplain. However, St. Jerome’s, with its historical connection with our community, did not. So, I met with the new Campus Minister, Sean Hayes, to talk about collaborating. I also approached Resurrection High School, with which I had already been somewhat involved right after ordination in 2019 before COVID, and even during COVID in limited ways – and was welcomed to continue my presence there.

One of my friends, who is a vocation director for the Jesuits said to me: “Raph, all young adult ministry is vocation ministry.” And so I have accepted invitations to lead or be a speaker at retreats and other young adult events.

But I think the most helpful thing I was told at the beginning was that my new assignment was not to be a vocation director – which in the minds of many is synonymous with recruiter. My new assignment was to be a ministry to others – those who are in that stage of their lives when they are thinking about what to do with their lives, that is, their vocation. And I have tried as much as possible to speak about and live my ministry in this way, as a ministry to others – helping



Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

them grow in faith and in discipleship of the Risen Lord, to discover whatever vocation it is to which He is calling them.

Since June 30th, 2021, I have now helped with 5 overnight retreats for university students and young adults that were a weekend or longer and have two more coming up in May and August. I celebrate the 7pm student Mass at St. Jerome's University throughout the year, as well as supporting Campus Ministry there in other ways, including RCIA with one candidate and one catechumen and their sponsors. I celebrate Mass on Mondays at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School during one of the two lunch periods, and make myself available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation there on Fridays during one of the lunch periods – in addition to some school wide liturgies and occasional class visits. I've made several visits to St. David's Catholic Secondary School, as well as occasionally being invited to help with events at the chaplaincies at the four universities. I finally asked people to help me form a Vocations Team which meets twice a year to brainstorm ideas

and assess how things are going. Some of our ideas that we have implemented include a weekly "Vocation Minute" reflection for CR parish bulletins, as well as annually producing a video and discussion guide to raise awareness about religious life for World Day for Consecrated Life, and about the priesthood for World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

While it is a lot of work, it is certainly an exciting time for me, and I find this ministry life-giving for me. Please remember me and all those I work with and encounter in your prayers, that our community's Vocation Ministry will be a source of new life and spiritual Resurrection for all who encounter it.

News from Tanzania – A New Kitchen

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

Our Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R. visited the Tanzanian Mission for his fourth time during the Christmas and New Year seasons (December 2022-January 2023). One of the topics of discussion was the Novitiate, which will start on August 15, 2023. Up to this point, the Novitiate has been in place sporadically. After this date, because of the steady influx of new candidates, it is necessary for us to have the Novitiate every year. Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R., who has extensive experience as the Novice Director in Poland and Tanzania, has graciously assented to be the permanent Novice Director for the next three years.

The novitiate is in the Buhemba Parish of St. John Paul II, where Fr. Maciej Braun, C.R. has served as the parish pastor and the director of the Resurrection pre-primary and primary school for twenty years. The challenge is to allow two different programs to function independently in the same space. There are different concerns and challenges in the parish and school than there are in the novitiate.

At present, there are four Resurrectionists ministering in the Buhemba parish and school: Fr. Maciej Braun, C.R. (pastor), Fr. Yohana Kachwele, C.R. (associate pastor), Fr. James Donohue, C.R. (in residence as associate pastor), and Br. Michael Mabuluja, C.R. (pastoral and educational responsibilities in formation). We estimate that there will

be 7 or 8 novices in August 2023. The parish has a person who is responsible for managing the kitchen expenses, cooking, laundry, and cleaning. It is not possible for this one person—Jessica—to also take on the workload of cooking for 7 or 8 more people.



The solution we devised was to build a new kitchen for the novitiate. We envision that we will hire a cook for the Novice Director and novices, who will be able to meet the needs of the novitiate program. This should allow some independence between the parish/school and the novitiate.

We have made great progress so far in the construction... it has been going on outside the window of my room for several weeks! We have not paid for it yet, but we are hoping for donations to help us with this project. You can see the progress from these photos. The building itself is modest: it is two rooms with a kitchen and a storeroom. There are sinks and preparation spaces for cooking. There will also be an outside cooking area that is protected by the

roof awning. We are looking forward to the novitiate and to this new addition to help us in the formation of future Resurrectionists.



Construction of the new kitchen for the Novitiate



Construction is progressing nicely!

New Resurrection Secondary School in Buhemba

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

As mentioned in the last issue of the Resurrection Bulletin, a new Resurrection Secondary School is being constructed as an addition to the Pre-Primary and Primary Schools in Buhemba. Fr. Maciej Braun, C.R., the pastor of the Buhemba Parish and the Director of the Resurrection schools is heading up this project.



This is a photo of the primary school complex at the present time. The tall building in the background is a radio station that has all the equipment for broadcasting. At present, we are awaiting government licenses and permission.

The new secondary school should be completed in two years, just as the first students graduate from the primary school. An additional secondary school grade will be added each year after the first year. Before construction advanced, Fr. Maciej asked Fr. Paul Voisin, our Superior



This is the footprint for the new secondary school that is built on land adjacent to the sports complex.

General visiting from Rome, and Fr. Jim Donohue, our Superior of the Tanzanian Mission to bless the construction site. We prayed for the safety of all workers, for the many benefactors who contributed so far, for all the administrators, teachers, students, staff who will participate in this school, and for God's blessings upon all our educational endeavors that will benefit our young people, especially the less fortunate.



Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, blessing the site

When we bless someone or something in Tanzania, we REALLY do a BIG blessing. After Fr. Paul sprinkled the immediate site with holy water, Fr. Jim accompanied Fr. Maciej around the whole school perimeter to incense the construction site.



Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Superior General, blessing the construction site.

It takes much preparation to assemble the materials needed for the construction.



Construction materials are prepared for construction

Besides trucks that deliver the cement, sand, stones, and wood, all the labor is done by hand. There are about fifty workers who dig foundations, hammer wood, carry stones,



Assembled construction materials for the new school

cement, and sand, build railings and casings, and mix and pour cement. By the end of December, they had already begun the scaffolding to construct the second floor of the building.



All labour is done by hand



And what did I see one day? A CAT-MAN working? Did my eyes deceive me? What is happening here? No, it turns out that I saw what I saw! I just don't know what to make of it!

The building of the secondary school is an exciting venture for Fr. Maciej and for all the students who will benefit from the new facility.



CAT-MAN working



The CAT-MAN!



Newly elected General Curia members in 2017: Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, CR, Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Fr. Jacek Praski, CR, and Fr. Andrzej Gieniusz, CR.

General Chapter 2023

By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

From June 20 to July 6, representatives of the Provinces/Region of the Congregation of the Resurrection will meet at the Generalate in Rome for the Thirty-Fourth General Chapter. In the Constitutions it is written that: *“The General Chapter holds supreme authority in the Congregation and exercises it collegially. ... The principal tasks of the General Chapter are the following: concern for the general welfare of the Congregation, the promotion of unity, the stimulation of cooperative progress within the Community and the evaluation of the Community’s fidelity to its Charism”* (article 86).

There is a Chapter Preparation Committee formed by the members of the General Council – Father Paul Voisin, Father Evandro Miranda Rosa and Father Andrzej Gieniusz – and a representative from the Polish Province – Father Wojciech Mleczo, from the Canadian Province – Father Sam Restivo, from the USA Province – Father Gene Szarek, and from the South American Region – Father Antonio Motyka. They meet, on Zoom, to make the plans for the Chapter. They began with asking within their own Province/Region any issues for the Chapter. Many Proposals have been brought forward by Provincial/Regional Chapters, individual Houses, and individual Resurrectionists, over a wide range of topics that could find their way into the Chapter document, and perhaps even the Constitutions.

The theme for the Chapter is *“Journeying in Hope Together”*. Hope is the charism of the Resurrectionists, the virtue most associated with the resurrection of Jesus. The Chapter will begin with a Retreat, led by Father Kazimierz



At work at the General Chapter in 2017

Wójtowicz, of the Polish Province, who has written extensively on the Road to Emmaus account (Luke 24:13-35). An initial reflection on the Road to Emmaus prepared by Father Wójtowicz – the two disciples journeying together with Jesus – has already been circulated in Polish, English and Portuguese, hoping to engage every Resurrectionist in the Chapter theme and experience. Daily reports, in writing and/or on youtube, will share with all Resurrectionists the day's activities.

During the Chapter each of the members of the General Council, and the Provincials and Regional Superior will give Reports on their work since the previous Chapter, in 2017. There will also be reports from the Promoter of the Community Patrimony, and the Coordinator of Formation. There will be commissions, made up of delegates, to work and develop materials, beginning with the proposals presented, for the Chapter Document (and perhaps the Constitutions) on the themes of: Spirituality, Community and Government, Formation, Apostolates, and Financial Stewardship. During the General Chapter a new General government will be elected, to serve six years.

The Delegates to the Chapter, other than the (already mentioned) General Council, are: the previous Superior General (ex officio), Father Bernard Hylla; the Provincial of the Polish Province, Father Krzysztof Swół, and Delegates, Father Jacek Wojcik, Father Wojciech Mlezcko, and Father Andrzej Mądry; the Provincial of the Canadian Province, Father Tim Uniac, and Delegates Father Sam Restivo, Father Jim Donohue, and Father Paul Szymanowski; the Provincial of the USA Province, Father Steven

Bartczyszyn, and Delegates Father Eric Wagner, Father Delwyn Haroldson, and Father Tom Wojciechowski; the Regional Superior of the South American Region, Father Antonio Motyka, and Delegate Father Paul Solak, and Father Daniel Hinc (representing the members associated with the Roman House). The delegates were all elected at their individual Provincial or Regional Chapters in 2022. The Secretaries of the Chapter will be Father Jerzy Rolka (POL), Father Marcin Paca (POL), Father Raphael Ma (CAN), and Father Ed Howe (USA). The Translators will be Father Krzysztof Szkubera (POL) and Father Kamil Sekula (POL).

The General Chapter is also an excellent opportunity to get to know better the members of our international Congregation. This will be the first experience of the General Chapter for four Delegates, and for four of them their first time as a Delegate, having served previously as Secretary or Translator.

We ask your prayers during this time of preparation, and during the Chapter itself. May the Risen Lord continue to bless us as we “journey in hope together”.

Apostles of the Resurrection Structured Formation Program

The Apostles of the Resurrection are growing in their relationship with the Congregation of the Resurrection. A prayer network has begun, with Apostles and members of the Congregation joining in prayer for various intentions. A resource library has been set up online with a variety of ideas for books, videos, websites, etc. to help to support the spiritual journeys of the Apostles. This list of resources can be found on the Apostles' page on the Resurrectionist website: <https://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/apostles-of-resurrection/> (under the Get Involved tab).

Virtual reflections and mini-retreats, prepared by several Apostles of the Resurrection, have been offered for both Advent and Lent. Besides a desire for prayer opportunities, one of the most consistent requests of the Apostles has been for more formation in the charism and mission of the Congregation. To fulfill this desire, a structured formation program was set up by several of the Apostles and began January 14th.

The Formation program will consist of twelve sessions of 60 to 90 minutes duration. The number of sessions offered in a year will vary between six and eight and will occur in addition to the prescribed Lay Apostle gatherings. The sessions are modeled on the material presented at the international Lay Associates conference in Rome last June. The format of the sessions follows recognized principles of adult learning with engagement through praying and personal reflection, small and large group sharing, outcomes, pre- and post-assessment of learning, and feedback.

The first session in January was a hybrid gathering, with several Apostles gathering at Resurrection College, and others joining online. This session, facilitated by Bob Sproule, Dee Sproule and Wanda Cakebread, was a program overview, and asked the questions: Who are

we and what are we here for? The second gathering on March 4th focused on the Power of One. Future session topics will include: Resurrection Spirituality including the Principles of Formation in Resurrectionist Spirituality, Evangelization, and Resurrection Charism of Hope.

Dates for future sessions will be announced. It is an exciting program that will enhance the knowledge of the charism and mission of the Congregation of the Resurrection, and strengthen the relationship between the Congregation and the Apostles.



How You Can Help the Missions

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

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