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In Memoriam Fr. Christopher Buda, CR



With sadness the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection announces the death of Fr. Christopher Buda, CR on April 22nd, in his 77th year. Fr. Chris was in his 59th year of religious life and 51st year of ordained priesthood.

Fr. Chris is predeceased by his father Piotr Buda and mother Zofia (nee Kawalec) and a brother, Gustaw. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his brother Marek, sister Elzbieta Jegorow and sister-in-law Theresa, his nieces, grandnieces and nephews and great-grandnieces and nephews, and many friends.

Fr. Chris professed his religious vows in the Congregation on August 26th, 1967 in Radziwillow

Maz, Poland and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood on May 31st, 1975 in Krakow, Poland. He ministered in a number of parishes in Poland from 1975 to 1983. In 1983, Fr. Chris came to Canada and served at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Hamilton for five years. Fr. Chris served as Associate Pastor and then Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Brantford, Associate Pastor and then Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener, Pastor of St. Louis Parish, Waterloo and as Associate Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton. In 1991, Fr. Chris transferred from the Polish Province to the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. He served one term as provincial councillor and in 2005 was elected to our General Curia in Rome as Econom General for a six-year term. Throughout his decades of ministry, Fr. Chris gave of himself with quiet and faithful dedication.

On May 31st, 2025, Fr. Chris celebrated 50 years or ordained priesthood. As he reflected on his 50 years as a priest, he quoted the words of the Magnificat: "My

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soul proclaims the goodness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour!” He said: “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”.

During his years of retirement at Resurrection Manor, Fr. Chris endured many health issues, but despite his failing health, his perseverance and faith remained evident.

At his request, a private Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated for Fr. Chris, with interment at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener. May the Lord whom he served so faithfully now welcome him into eternal peace.

Thank you, Fr. Tim Uniac, CR

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

On June 30, 2026, Fr. Timothy Uniac, CR finishes his service as Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province. He served two terms as Provincial Superior. Important accomplishments include overseeing the preparation for two Provincial Chapters, as well as the implementation of the action resolutions from both Chapters. Similarly, Fr. Tim guided our Provincial preparation for the 2023 General Chapter in Rome, in which he was a participant. Even now, he is overseeing the implementation of the action resolutions from the 2023 General Chapter which impact our Province. With his Provincial Council, he was able to secure professional help of the highest quality to assist us in leading retreats and facilitating major projects and issues. This is, of course, a sign of a good leader: to be able to seek out and utilize expertise for the greater good of the community.



Fr. Tim has also steadily integrated the Apostles of the Resurrection into the life of the Province, while moving us slowly but surely into a model of synodality, inspired by Pope Francis. More importantly than WHAT was accomplished is HOW Fr. Tim worked. Fr. Tim prioritized keeping members abreast with good channels for information, gatherings for discussion and celebration, and countless opportunities for input and feedback. In these ways he truly facilitated a process that gave voice to each member of the Province. Fr. Tim accomplished all of this with patience and kindness and generosity of heart and time. Thank you for your service, Fr. Tim!



Congratulations to Fr. Toby Collins, CR and Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, Fr. Toby Collins, CR was elected to the position of Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection. Fr. Toby brings many different experiences of ministry to his new leadership role that begins on July 1, 2026. He served for many years as the Province's Vocation Animator, working to promote a "vocation culture" that has enriched our Province, as well as many religious communities and dioceses throughout Canada and the U.S.A. Fr. Toby has served in educational ministry as the Spiritual Animator of the Waterloo Catholic District School Board and in pastoral ministry as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener. At St. Mary's Parish, he began many outreach programs—such as Tiny Home Takeout and A Better Tent City—that rejuvenated this downtown parish, but also the entire Waterloo Region. Fr. Toby brings energy, passion, and commitment to every project that he tackles. As a leader, he possesses a great gift: Fr. Toby sees things not as they are, but how they could be. Then, through vision, collaboration, and

determination, he has been able to make a difference. As a Province, we thank God for Fr. Toby and we are grateful for his willingness to serve in this new capacity as Provincial Superior.



On Saturday, April 25, 2026, Fr. Paul Voisin, CR was elected to the position of Vicar Provincial, where, beginning on July 1, 2026, he will serve in support of Fr. Toby Collins in our Provincial leadership. Fr. Paul is no stranger to leadership roles. He served as the Provincial Superior of the Canadian Province (2005-2008) and also as the Superior General of the Congregation of the Resurrection (2017-2023). Fr. Paul brings a rich background as one who served in our Bolivian Missions from 1983-1996. Fr. Paul was most recently

the pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener and will now be a priest in residence at St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener. Fr. Paul is a pastor at heart; he is a compassionate shepherd. Members of the Congregation look forward to the same attentiveness to listening and the same commitment to caring that he has demonstrated in his many decades of his religious life and priesthood.

New Councillors

With the elections of Fr. Toby Collins, CR and Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, two new councillors were needed to fill their places on the Provincial Council. Fr. Dave Mowat, CR, and Fr. Raphael Ma, CR have been appointed to complete the terms of Fr. Toby and Fr. Paul. Thank you to these men for your willingness to serve in this capacity.



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Relationships are important. We are social ‘creatures’, and seek contact and relationships with others. Over time those relationships deepen, seeing the growth in trust, confidence, respect and love. Just as our relationships undergo changes, we must adjust to new realities. This is true, also, for the relationship between priests and people, between a Religious Congregation and a Parish Community.

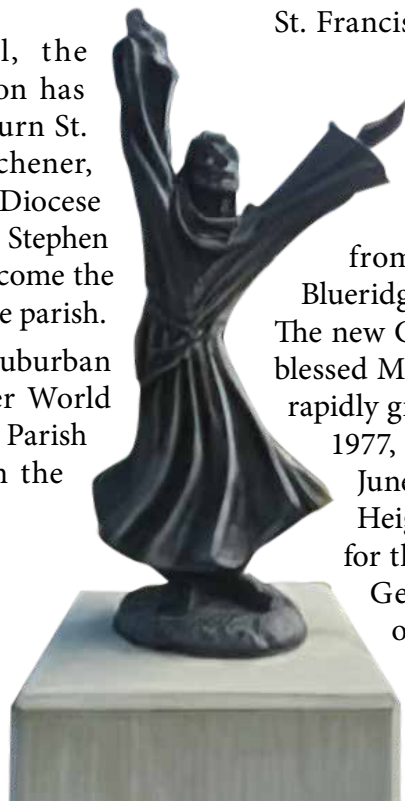
Due to a lack of personnel, the Congregation of the Resurrection has made the difficult decision to return St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener, Ontario to the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Hamilton. On June 24, 2026, Fr. Stephen Gilbert, a Diocesan priest, will become the first non-Resurrectionist to lead the parish.

St. Francis Parish was the third suburban Parish formed in Kitchener after World War II. From its establishment, the Parish has been staffed by priests from the

Congregation of the Resurrection. Bishop Joseph F. Ryan established St. Francis of Assisi Parish in 1959, and appointed Father Anthony Mayer, CR as its first Pastor. Since there was no rectory or Church at the time, Father lived at St. Mary’s rectory and used a double classroom at St. Francis Elementary School for Masses. By 1960, a sod turning ceremony and blessing by Rt. Rev. R. M. Haller, Pastor of St. Joseph’s Church and Dean of the area, initiated the construction of St. Francis Church. On October 9, 1960 Monsignor

Haller returned and along with Very Rev. Hubert Gehl, Provincial Superior of the Congregation of the Resurrection, blessed the cornerstone.

In December 1960, Fr. Tony Mayer moved from St. Mary’s Rectory into a house at 30 Blueridge Ave., across the street from the Church. The new Church (which now seats 450 people), was blessed May 14, 1961. As the population of the area rapidly grew, two new parishes were established. In 1977, Blessed Sacrament Parish was formed. In June 1982, because of the growth in the Forest Heights Area, Bishop Reding gave permission for the establishment of a new mission. Father Gene Tyson, CR was responsible for the organization and operation of the St. Mark’s



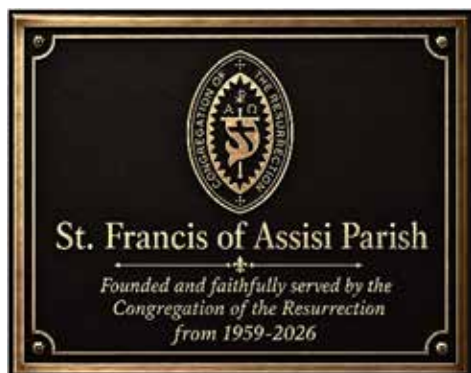
Community in the school gym on Autumn Hill Crescent. This mission continued until 1988 when Bishop Tonnos established St. Mark's as a parish.

Since 1959, more than forty Resurrectionists have served at St. Francis Parish. The following served as pastors at the parish:

Fr. Anthony Mayer, CR	1959-1965
Fr. Ray Hofmann, CR	1965-1969
Fr. Hubert Gehl, CR	1969-1972
Fr. Bill Burns, CR	1972-1974
Fr. John Miles, CR	1974-1979
Fr. Bill LaFlamme, CR	1979-1983
Fr. Frank Reitzel, CR	1983-1988
Fr. Anthony Mancini, CR	1988-1991
Fr. Jerome Kroetsch, CR	1991-2000
Fr. Paul Voisin, CR	2000-2005
Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR	2005-2017
Fr. Tim Uniack, CR	2017-2020
Fr. Murray McDermott, CR	2020-2024
Fr. Paul Voisin, CR	2024-2026

As well, 28 Resurrectionists have served as Associate Pastors or Deacons at the parish.

A 'legacy' project of the Parish will see a bronze plaque placed in the foyer of the Church, in recognition of the service of the Congregation of the Resurrection to the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community. St. Francis Parish has always been known as a Christ-centred faith community seeking to be instruments of God's peace. We give thanks for the many years of ministry of the Resurrectionists at St. Francis Parish, and wish God's blessings on this vibrant faith community.



“How many seminarians are there in Canada?” – Introducing the Resurrectionists’ North American Vocation Team

By Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

This was the most frequently asked question by our Tanzanian men in formation during my three-week visit last November: “How many seminarians are there in Canada?” It’s a question many of us don’t often ask any more in the Canadian or USA Province – perhaps because we already know the answer, or perhaps because we don’t want to bring up this situation many of us feel helpless about. (The answer to the question, for those who do not know, is: zero. We have no men currently in formation to be Resurrectionists in the Canadian province).

There is a saying, popularized by John F. Kennedy during his presidential campaign in 1960, that the Chinese word for “crisis” (危機) is comprised of the words “danger” and “opportunity”. This has long been debunked by Sinologists as a widespread public misperception in Western popular culture. However, the fact that the saying still resonates and inspires hope within us to this day – despite being contrary to fact – says more about us as a culture, I think, than about the Chinese language. Somehow, we still believe that in the midst of every “crisis”, there are also opportunities if we are open to finding them.

So, if the Canadian Province has “no seminarians”, what are we doing about it? Glad you asked.

For some time now, the Canadian and USA provinces of the Congregation of the Resurrection have taken a joint approach to formation. Novitiate – which according to Canon Law is the stage “through which life in an institute is begun” – has long been a shared responsibility between the Canadian and USA provinces of the Congregation of the Resurrection, with esteemed Resurrectionists from both provinces such as Fathers Clair Girodat, Alex McCauley, Charlie Fedy, Rich Grek, and Len Krzywda serving as novice directors for some of the CR’s in active ministry today.



As part of a growing collaboration between the two provinces on the formation front, we have also begun to collaborate on the vocations front. Two years ago, the Provincial Council of the Canadian Province decided to assign Frs. Toby Collins, Paweł Szymanowski, and Raphael Ma to be part of the Canadian Province's vocations team. And after two joint Come and See events, where discerners got to experience a little bit of what religious life is like in our community, together with Frs. Eric Wagner and Rafał Wasilewski from the USA province and Grant Hartley – a recent Master of Divinity graduate from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri – we decided to form a North American Vocations Team for the Canadian and USA provinces of the CR's. Fr. Michał Kruszewski serves as the chair of the North American Vocations Team. The new vocations team has a number of exciting new initiatives planned for this year; watch for what we have in store in coming issues of the Resurrection Bulletin and on our website.

Our vocations team:



Fr. Michał
Kruszewski



Fr. Paweł
Szymanowski



Fr. Raphael
Ma



Fr. Toby
Collins



Mr. Grant
Hartley



Fr. Rafał
Wasilewski



Fr. Eric
Wagner

An American Resurrectionist Visits Tanzania – Week 2

By Fr. Eric Wagner, CR

(In our last edition of the Resurrection Bulletin, we presented an account of the first week of Fr. Eric's visit to our Tanzanian mission in December/January. Here he continues his journey).

My previous report on visiting the Resurrectionist seminary in Morogoro, Tanzania mentioned various plans in the works for the second week of my stay. That week proved eventful! Here's an overview.

CR's Teaching Together

The first event was co-teaching a lesson on prefiguration of the Sacraments in the Old Testament at Jordan University College (JUCO) with Fr. Jim Donohue, CR. We had not taught together previously and neither of us had ever taught on the topic before, but Jim's teaching expertise guided us well. Many of the more than 80 students in the class actively participated in the lesson and positively received our instruction. Some students even took time to express their gratitude to



Fr. Eric and Fr. Jim in the classroom

us after class while a few further shared positive comments with resurrectionist seminarians in the class. Ultimately, the experience was very fruitful and rewarding!

Christmas in Tanzania

Next came Christmas. We celebrated at the seminary with gusto! Aspirants elaborately decorated with lights, trees, ornaments, banners, balloons, and above all a creche. The whole array was quite the talk among religious communities around town.

At Mass, Fr. Jim presided and preached. Musically, the brothers displayed their tremendous talents in full force. The whole seminary sang as one choir joined by neighboring sisters and friends in the area. The joy and beauty of the celebration brought me to tears more than once.



After Mass, our celebration proceeded to the refectory, where Fr. Jim presented each member of the community with a thoughtful, modest gift and all enjoyed breakfast before going out for the customary Christmas walk to visit with friends and neighbors around town.

Ascending the Uluguru Range on St. John's Day

After resting on Boxing Day, a group of us hiked to the third highest peak in the Uluguru mountain range, which lies on Morogoro's southern border. Setting out early, Br. Mosses and Audax (one of our seminarians) drove us to the trail head. From there, the team ascended progressively to the peak, stopping for rest along the way as needed. The more we climbed the quieter and cooler the forest became. The 7000-foot peak challenged us and strained our limited supplies, prompting me to recall a rule from mountain climber Ed Viesturs, "Getting to the top is optional, getting down is necessary." Thanks to inspiring support and fortitude among the brothers, especially with those who struggled, we all reached the summit of a difficult ascent. After resting on the peak, we celebrated Mass as



clouds enshrouded us – a fitting setting for the feast of St. John. Plus, as the name's day of our aspirant John, he served as one of our lectors. Afterwards, a snack and some chai helped rejuvenate us. And we descended back to the trailhead safely, where Br. Mosses and Audax collected us and took us



to town for a meal at a restaurant. It was quite an adventure!

Aspirants Become Postulants

A special, unexpected blessing was presiding over the rite in which the aspirants became postulants on the Feast of Holy Family. Fr. Jim presided at the Mass, I preached and conducted the rite, and Br. Mosses, as director, questioned the men about increasing their commitment to discern their vocation to the Congregation of the Resurrection. The rite concluded with me blessing crosses worn by each new postulant, which Br. Mosses bestowed upon them. The uplifting celebration continued with the liturgy of the Eucharist and much joyous singing! Afterwards, we celebrated with a festive meal.

Touring Morogoro

Later that same Sunday, Valentino Chatanda, a resurrectionist seminarian, gave me a special tour of Morogoro. It included local destinations, such as the neighborhood parish, the cathedral, a WWI cemetery, and a Polish cemetery. But it started and ended with particularly memorable experiences. A few 'blocks' from home our truck got stuck in mud due to heavy rain the night before. Not to be dissuaded, Valentino, with help from neighbors, gave an impressive, hour-long effort getting us free and allowing us to continue our tour. At the end of the tour, we visited the property purchased for a new seminary,



which is a short distance from our current location. Together we enjoyed a few moments imagining what the property might become. When Br. Mosses saw my shoes upon our return, he amusingly announced: “Welcome to Africa!” Still stained red from Morogoro mud today, my shoes remind me of that delightful excursion, the memories we made, and the dreams we shared.

Safari in Mikumi National Park



Another unexpected blessing was being treated to a Safari in Mikumi National Park. As Fr. Jim said, “We can’t send you home without a safari.” So, two days before leaving, Br. Mosses coordinated and led me and one of the new postulants – Baltazar –

on a classic African adventure. We arrived at the park midmorning where our expert guide met us. Mikumi’s expansive 3230km² effectively serves as a wildlife reserve for numerous species including four of Africa’s big five: elephants, lions, cape buffalo, and leopards. Only rhinos are not found there. As we started, our guide reminded us that the animals in the park are wild and their movements cannot always be predicted, so sometimes visitors see a limited number of species.

But our safari was very successful. Before we entered the park, we spotted along the highway baboons grooming, zebras grazing, and giraffes snacking on trees. Once in the park, we quickly saw herds of buffalo, a mother elephant nursing her calf, a roaming pride of lions, large herds of grazing antelope and zebras, warthogs rummaging near pathways, and the often-illusory leopard perched in a tree. Even our guide pulled out his phone to snap photos of the latter. The whole experience was very rewarding.

An American Resurrectionist Visits Tanzania – Last Days & Insights

Parting Conversations

On my last full day in Morogoro I cleaned, did laundry, packed, and, above all, took opportunities to converse with the brothers. Some chats were very practical. In one, I learned about the scene that our dog Rex made when he got into the chickens. It was an unforgettable tale of loss (six chickens died) and reprimand (the whole community taught Rex a lesson)! Some conversations became pastoral, reflective, and formative. More than one conversation explored the challenges of maintaining enthusiasm for our vocation amid life’s many responsibilities. Often, we explored the hopes that these young men have as they set out on the journey of formation. Some wondered what the rest of their postulant year would include. Others considered what their seminary journey might entail. And some pondered what early years in ministry could look like.

An Evening Sharing ‘Pamoja’ (Together)

On my last evening at our seminary in Morogoro, in accord with house custom, we set aside time after dinner to offer formal comments and reflection about my visit in a gathering of the whole seminary and postulant community. Much of our time was dedicated to saying goodbye, to recalling fond memories, and to discussing insights that surfaced during my visit. Community members were free to share as they saw fit and Livinus, the seminary prefect, guided our conversation.

Many recalled climbing a mountain together. Others remembered our joyous celebration of aspirants becoming postulants. Some reflected on celebrating Christmas together. We noted many insights drawn from our shared conversations and daily activities. In general, we recalled how the ordinary experiences of religious life – praying the office, celebrating Mass, studying, watering plants, doing laundry, fixing technology, and tend to chores – could help us advance toward holiness, especially when done together.

Fr. Jim reminded us that my visit was prompted by a resolution of the 34th General Chapter, which called for resurrectionists from all sectors to visit the mission. Such visits, he explained, are intended to foster



meaningful exchange and mutual learning. Ideally, Fr. Jim noted, the men in the mission would learn from a visit like mine how to better discern and realize the Resurrectionist charism and mission in Tanzania. While we are all Resurrectionists, he explained, we must, nevertheless, be and act as Resurrectionists in ways that match where we are, not somewhere else. Just as Americans, Canadians, Poles, and Brazilians live and serve as resurrectionists in ways that match those cultures, so Tanzanian resurrectionists are to match Tanzanian culture. Such visits, Fr. Jim concluded, aim to help our Tanzanian men prayerfully consider what it means to be Tanzanian Resurrectionists and to minister in the Church in Tanzania. After all, since they come from that culture, they are uniquely equipped for that task doing just that.

For my part, I recalled some key points mentioned in my reflections on the charism during our day of recollection and I highlighted how they were profoundly present throughout my visit. God's unconditional love, the paschal mystery, and hope – three defining features of the resurrectionist charism – characterized my visit. God's unconditional love met me in the unprecedented hospitality that I received throughout my visit and even before I arrived. The paschal mystery was evident in the mutual support that community members provided not only me but one another and others when faced with challenges. And hope was evident in, among other things, the dreams shared about how the charism and mission might advance in Tanzania.

I ended my comments by highlighting one way that Tanzanian Resurrectionists could distinctively realize the charism and mission: by embracing more and more the Tanzanian concept of *pamoja* (“together”). As many seminarians explained during my visit, African philosophers emphasize this concept, highlighting it as distinctively embodied in various African cultures. My experience confirmed as much. Resurrectionists the world over would do well to embrace the African notion of *pamoja*, which, as one seminarian explained, is best summarized as “I exist because we exist.”

Departure

On New Year's Eve, I set out from Morogoro to begin my long journey back home. With the new high-speed rail under construction due to damaging rains,



Fr. Eric, Fr. Jim and Br. Mosses

Br. Mosses drove me the 200km into the big city. Br. Mosses and I discussed various issues facing Tanzania, our resurrectionist community, and formation in the charism and mission. Our reflections were lively and our time together passed quickly. It was soon time for me to catch my plane, bringing an end to our time together.

Closing Insights

How to sum up? This is not easy. I often found myself saying, “Everything is so different!” Tanzania is a developing nation and our mission reflects that. Clean water, for example, is cherished because it is difficult to secure. Kitchens mix indoor and outdoor spaces. Food prep happens inside and cooking is done outside over charcoal fires. And while meats and produce are purchased at local butchers and markets, chickens and pigs are kept on hand and a large garden helps provide for the seminary.

Still, much in Tanzanian felt familiar. Internet and cell phones offered stable contact and information access. Electricity only flickered during big storms. And people there, like people everywhere, want to connect and attach, despite obstacles. We all have stories. We all like to share them. And, for the most part, we like to make new stories.

The charism and mission are clearly growing in Tanzania. What this will mean for the Congregation and how Tanzanian resurrectionists will continue to realize our charism and mission depends on our common corporation with the spirit of our founders, our mutual support for one another, continued discernment, and our on-going exchange.

Apostles of the Resurrection

By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR



An important part of the life and ministry of the Apostles of the Resurrection are the formation sessions that share the Resurrectionist spirituality, and motivate Apostles to work for “the resurrection of society”. Together with prayer, fellowship and the apostolate, the Apostles share in the Charism and Mission of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

On January 17th there was a formation session for the Apostles and Resurrectionists, hosted at St. Mary’s Church hall in Kitchener. Over the last year and a half, we embarked on discovering the Eight Principles of Resurrectionist Spirituality, as highlighted in the Resurrectionist Formation document, produced by the International Formation Commission in 2019. It represents decades of reflection and prayer, sharing and articulation of Resurrectionist spirituality.

Our themes were the final two, ‘God calls us to work for the resurrection of society’ and ‘Mary: our model and Mother’. Wanda Cakebread, Bob Sproule and Father Paul Voisin led us in a reflection on these themes, with creative dynamics and small group discussion.

Central to the world view of Bogdan Jański, Founder of the Congregation, was the need to re-Christianize the world. And so, he encouraged his followers to bring Christ into whatever area of society they were involved in – education, health care, industry, government, art, literature, media, etc. He believed that only the love and truth of God could bring about a transformation of the person, who in turn would make a difference in the world, in their time and place. In particular with the Resurrectionist Charism of HOPE, new life and enthusiasm would come into a world where confusion, fear and hopelessness are tightening their grip.

The Blessed Virgin Mary has always played an important part in the spirituality of Resurrectionists. This was ‘rewarded’, when in 1857 Pope Pius IX entrusted the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace, Our Lady of Mentorella, to the Congregation. Less than two

hours from Rome, it is a popular sanctuary for pilgrimages, and was particularly appreciated by Saint John Paul II, who visited there often as a Bishop, Cardinal, and Pontiff. On August 19, Pope Leo XIV visited there. The document speaks of Mary as “our collaborator” with God’s divine grace to bring about the ongoing salvation of the world.

Our morning together finished with a tasty lunch prepared by Tiny Home Takeout, of St. Mary’s Parish.

On May 16th, the Apostles had another Formation Session, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener. The team – Wanda, Bob and Father Paul – prepared an introductory experience, a presentation and reflection/discussion questions. Our theme was the four pillars of the life and activities of the Apostles of the Resurrection – Prayer, Formation, Fellowship and Apostolate. They are like four legs of a table, each one filling a particular purpose in the overall mission of the Apostles. We realized how: Prayer forms the heart. Prayer gives life to Formation. Formation shapes the mind. Prayer opens the heart, and Formation gives clarity and direction. Formation deepens Fellowship. Fellowship is our communion in Christ. Fellowship supports Apostolate. Apostolate is our mission to the world. Apostolate returns us to Prayer. It was a grace-filled morning, and led to a greater appreciation of our shared life and activities.

The Apostles of the Resurrection are always interested in welcoming new members. If you know our Congregation and wish to learn more about us (who we are, and why we are the way we are) contact a Resurrectionist, or an Apostle, to join us as we work together, with vowed Resurrectionists and lay Associates, for the resurrection of society.

The garden is growing!

Over the past few weeks, volunteers under the direction of Chef Amy Cyr and Fr. Toby Collins, CR of St. Mary’s Parish, Kitchener, have gathered at Resurrection College to prepare the Tiny Home Takeout Garden for a new season. This year there are several significant changes and additions. Many long hours have been spent expanding the garden





Some of the volunteers who have prepared the Resurrection Garden

by 20 feet to make room for more vegetables, herbs and flowers. It has now grown to more than 50 feet x 100 feet. The fence has been rebuilt and walk-ways have been re-installed. There has been the addition of galvanized steel planters and crushed stone to help prevent weed growth, as well as a trench around the perimeter to keep some of the biggest pests away – rabbits and groundhogs! There are 51 steel planters. The planters take up approximately half of the garden; plantings on the other half of the garden are going straight into the ground.

So, what is in the garden? There are at least 25 kinds of vegetables, fruit, and wild flowers. All of the vegetables and fruit will go to Tiny Home Takeout to help supplement the produce that they are already ordering and to try and keep things as local as possible while the growing season allows. The volunteers who come out to help will also be able to pick what they need as it grows and take some home for their families.

Another significant change is that the garden has been renamed “Resurrection Garden”. This change is meant to align better with Mary Magdalene’s first encounter with Jesus in the garden after the Resurrection when she thought he was the gardener. It better aligns itself with the direction Tiny Home Takeout hopes to take moving forward and represents new life on a multitude of levels!

A lot of hard work has gone into creating this space. The transformation from tilling to planting has been amazing. Thank you to all who worked to create this wonderful garden, all who will maintain it and harvest it throughout the summer and all who will use what is harvested to prepare meals that will nourish our



Installing the garden boxes



Planting begins with the help of many volunteers



Planting continues

community. The goal of Tiny Home Takeout is to provide all with access to dignified, nutritious and delicious meals, and ensure that no one goes hungry. The charism of the Congregation of the Resurrection expresses the belief that God has called us to work together for the resurrection of society and to be living signs of the Gospel values of justice, truth and love. The Resurrection Garden is a visible sign of the CR community's charism at work.

Fr. Murray McDermott, CR

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Waterloo, N2L 3G7. His email remains:
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Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

has moved to St. Mary's Parish rectory,
56 Duke Street West, Kitchener, N2H 3W7.
He will be the priest in residence, but will
certainly not be
retired from ministry.
His email address
remains the same:
frpvoisincr@gmail.com.



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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