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Message from the Provincial

At Christmas we come together around the Christmas Story which is essentially the story of the journey of God into the heart of humanity and humanity's journey back into the heart of God. One of my favorite Christmas stories is the story about the shepherds, who were this rough, tough band of irreverent rogues who were chosen by God to be among the first to hear the Good News. Moved by an overwhelming sense of being loved by the God they feared, they were touched deeply in the place of their poverty of life with a message of such hope and joy. The shepherds set out with intense passion and great enthusiasm to find the Christ Child.

How deeply Mary welcomed and honored these devalued, ostracized and despised shepherds into their humble dwelling and into relationship with her son. How deeply the poor of this world hunger to be trusted, to be listened to and to be taken seriously. How deeply each and every one of us thirsts for the Good News of the Feast of Christmas when we touch these moments, places and spaces of poverty in our own lives. Our God is a God who hungers and thirsts to be born within our hearts every day of our lives. Our God is a God who seeks to bring light to places of our darkness. Our God is a God who longs for His Word to be welcomed, treasured, and pondered within our hearts moment by moment and day by day until we meet eternity.

May this Christmas be for you an ever deepening journey into the heart of God as our God seeks to journey once again into our own hearts. May the Word of God who became flesh and dwelt among us become flesh in our lives so our eyes can see, our ears may hear and our hearts comprehend that each one of us is His beloved child.

Fr. Murray McDermott, CR
Provincial Superior

In Memoriam



Fr. Ray in Jamaica

Rev. Raymond Hughes, CR

On November 5th Fr. Ray Hughes entered into new life with God. He was in his 83rd year, his 66th year of religious life and 42nd year of ordained priesthood.

One of ten children of Thomas and Christina (nee McCormick) Hughes, Fr. Ray grew up in Hanover, Ontario. At the age of 16 he entered the Congregation of the Resurrection. He professed religious vows in the Congregation

on September 8, 1952, and perpetual vows on September 8, 1958. Fr. Ray ministered as a religious brother at our motherhouse in Rome and at St. Jerome's High School before continuing to pursue studies for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest on November 8, 1975. After ordination he ministered in various parishes in Ontario, Bermuda, Jamaica, Bolivia, Kentucky and Florida.

Fr. Ray had a deep compassion for the poor. For six years he preached for Food for the Poor, an international relief and development organization based in Florida. Fr. Ray

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travelled throughout the United States, sometimes 45 weekends per year, to raise awareness about the plight of the poor and marginalized in Haiti and the rest of the Caribbean. He also raised money for the poor in these areas. After leaving Food for the Poor, Fr. Ray spent 15 years doing parish ministry, primarily in Florida. He retired in North Fort Myers, Florida. Due to poor health, Fr. Ray had been residing at The Crossings at Hancock Creek long term care facility in North Fort Myers. A Eucharistic celebration was held for Fr. Ray at St. Louis Church in Waterloo. Interment was at Mount Hope Cemetery in Kitchener.

We express our deepest appreciation to Fr. Lory Keasey, CR, for his care and support of Fr. Ray over the past years. Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Ray, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

In Memoriam

Rev. John Miles, CR

Fr. John died unexpectedly on the evening of November 20th after being taken to hospital earlier in the day. He was 90 years old and in the 67th year of priesthood. His funeral Mass took place on November 24 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Louisville. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Louisville.

Born in London, Ontario to Joseph and Mary (nee Parisi) Miles, Fr. John attended elementary and secondary school in London. He professed his first vows in the Congregation of the Resurrection on September 8, 1948 in Dundas, Ontario and was ordained to the priesthood on October 21, 1951 in London, Ontario. After ordination, Fr. John attained his teaching certificate and began his teaching career at Central Catholic High School in London. He also taught and was principal at Scollard Hall in North Bay.

Fr. John spent eight years working in Formation, as Superior and Rector of St. Thomas Scholasticate. He also served for three years as Director of the Permanent Diaconate program. For 18 years Fr. John devoted his time and energy as a preacher for Food for the Poor, an organization that made a tremendous difference in his life. He was an excellent speaker, and preached in more than 500 parishes throughout the U.S. during that time; he raised millions of dollars for Food for the Poor.

As a pastor, Fr. John was an excellent homilist and brought laughter and joy everywhere he ministered. He served at St. Theresa's Cathedral and St. Anthony's Parish in Bermuda; St. Francis Parish in Kitchener; St. Pius X Parish, Brantford; St. Joseph's Parish, Hamilton; Holy Name Parish, North Bay and St. Margaret Mary Parish in Louisville. For the past eleven years, he was sacramental associate of this parish where he was a much loved and valued member of the parish team. Last year he had a special celebration of his 65th anniversary of priesthood with the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Parish. Fr. John, at the age of 90, continued to minister until the day he died. His pastor and good friend, Fr. Bill Hammer, was with him when he died, along with friends from the parish. May he rest in peace.



Kentucky Visit



Deacon Brian Karley, CR

Just a few weeks before Fr. John Miles, CR died, Fr. Pat Aiello, CR and Fr. Murray McDermott, CR journeyed to Louisville, Kentucky to visit with him and the other two Resurrectionists of the Ontario-Kentucky Province living there. They got a chance to enjoy the hospitality of Deacon Brian Karley, CR and to visit with Fr. John and Fr. John Lesousky, CR. Fr. John Lesousky, 87, is now a permanent resident of Nazareth Home, operated by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Every day, Fr. John is wheeled down the hall from his room to the balcony overlooking the beautiful chapel so that he can attend Mass. Deacon Brian Karley, CR keeps a good eye on Fr. John to make sure his needs are addressed and taken care of.

Fr. Murray had a five hour visit with Fr. John Miles, who expressed his great love for his ministry at St. Margaret Mary Parish. Fr. Pat and Fr. Murray were fortunate to have been able to visit and spend time with Fr. John and to see how happy he was in his ministry. He was able to serve the people of St. Margaret Mary Parish literally until his dying day, and for that he would have been truly grateful.



Fr. John Lesousky, CR

New Archivist for Rome

In response to the request of our new Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Fr. Paul Szyznanowski, CR left Canada at the end of November to serve as the part time Archivist at our motherhouse in Rome. The international community is in need of someone to catalogue and scan documents, as well as handle requests from scholars and other interested parties about letters and documents of interest to them. Because Fr. Paul speaks Polish, English and Italian, he is an ideal candidate to handle this role. This will also provide him an opportunity to study in Rome. Fr. Paul is very happy with the opportunity being offered to him, and is filled with much enthusiasm about his new ministry in Rome. His dream is for a future ministry in Education and so his upcoming studies will set the ground work to make this a reality.

The Congregation is thankful for Fr. Paul's presence and ministry at St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener over the past two plus years. Fr. Paul recently served as pre-novice master for Ed Sikora, who is now a novice in the congregation; he fulfilled this role with dedication and diligence. Fr. Paul will be deeply missed by our men in Southern Ontario and we wish him all the best in his upcoming adventures in Rome.



Installation of Fr. Tim Uniac, CR

By Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Pastor

On Sunday, November 12th, Bishop Douglas Crosby of the Hamilton diocese presided over the "Rite of Installation of Pastor" for Father Tim Uniac, CR., newly appointed pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, Ontario. In the rite of installation Father Tim was called by the Bishop to take "possession" of the parish as pastor when he was officially presented and welcomed by those for whom he will have pastoral care. As pastor, Father Tim was entrusted by Bishop Crosby with the spiritual care of the people of the parish, exhorted to be a teacher of God's word, called to lead the parish community in prayer and worship, and to guide the members of the parish in their living according to the gospels.



Fr. Tim preparing to proclaim the Gospel

The rite of installation took place during the Sunday Eucharist and began with the reading of the letter of appointment from Bishop Crosby appointing Father Tim as pastor. Following the homily, in which the Bishop spoke about service in the context of God's call, the Bishop asked Father Tim to renew his priestly commitment, the same commitment he made at the time of his ordination. Father Tim renewed his dedication to Christ as a priest of the new covenant, renewed his acceptance of fulfilling the responsibilities of the priesthood, resolved to continue to celebrate the sacraments and liturgies with devotion, and resolved to continue to imitate Jesus Christ, shepherd of the Church. The parish community was then asked to affirm that they would help Father Tim in the fulfillment of his priestly ministry. Father Tim then made a public profession of faith and took the oath of fidelity.

Following the oath of fidelity the Bishop then led Father Tim around the church, showing him the places where he is to exercise his ministry. First, the Baptismal Font, where the Bishop called Father Tim to where the Bishop called Father Tim to administer faithfully the sacrament of baptism. Next, the Ambry (where the holy oils are kept), where the Bishop exhorted Father Tim to have special care for the sick and dying, offering them the healing strength of anointing. Next, the entrance of the church, where Father



Bishop Douglas Crosby celebrating Mass with Fr. Tim Uniack and Fr. Sam Restivo

Tim was told he is to accompany the dead to their graves, and to comfort those who mourn. Next, the Reconciliation Room, where Father Tim is to be a minister of reconciliation and mercy towards repentant sinners. Then the Ambo, the place where Father Tim is to nourish the people of God with the proclamation of the Word of God. Then the Tabernacle, a special place of personal prayer where Father Tim is to seek strength in order to fulfill his ministry. Then to the Altar where the Bishop reminded Father Tim to unite the people entrusted to his care by partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ. After leaving the altar Father Tim was invited to stand in the midst of the people of the parish and affirm his personal

commitment to be a person of prayer. Finally, the Bishop and Father Tim moved to the chair, where the Presider sits, and Father Tim was called to teach, sanctify and care for the people entrusted to his care. At each of these places of ministry the members of the parish were asked to both support Father Tim and to join him in his ministry. The rite concluded when the parish community was invited to greet its newly installed Pastor.

Father Tim became pastor of Saint Francis Parish on August 1st of this year. We wish him God's blessings in his service to his new parish.

Bus for Tanzanian Mission

Fr. Maciej Braun, CR, who has been in Tanzania since 2005, is our Novice Master in Tanzania. He also works in our Buhemba Parish where the CR Novitiate is located. Thanks to some generous benefactors in Tanzania, Fr. Maciej has been able to build a Kindergarten there. Presently, they are completing a school called "The Resurrection Pre and Primary School" on our Congregation's soil. It is owned by the Congregation of the Resurrection. There will be classes in Religion and Bible Study. Fr. Maciej says that they have exhausted all sources of financial support from Tanzania for the school, so although the school was completed, there was no money for transportation for the children. Our Ontario Kentucky Province of the Congregation purchased a small school bus (imported from Japan) for \$32,000.00 American Dollars to provide transportation for the children to and from the villages. Now no child will be left behind due to transportation issues; all children can now enjoy the opportunity to go to school. The funds were available because of donations made to the Congregation for the missions.



Completion of Formation House in Morogoro

The last couple of issues of the Resurrection Bulletin have highlighted the construction of the new formation house in Morogoro, Tanzania. We are happy to say that the seminary has now been completed, thanks to the generosity of our benefactors. Following is a letter from Fr. Andrew Duda, CR, Director of Formation in Morogoro, to Fr. Murray McDermott, CR, Provincial Superior. In it, he expresses his gratitude and his excitement about the opening and the future of the seminary.

“Dear Fr. Provincial,

Cordial greetings from Morogoro! I would like to inform you that we have finalized the construction of the second building of our seminary! The last things done were the paving of pathways and furnishings. We were able to finish them just in time for the official inauguration, which took place on September 23rd.

It was a very happy event. Our former Superior General, Fr. Bernard Hylla, CR and Vicar General Fr. Patrick Kung’alo joined us for the occasion. All Tanzanian CRs were present, both missionaries and those in formation, as well as other priests, sisters and friends. We started with Eucharist with Fr. Patrick presiding; then Fr. Bernard blessed all the buildings. Special memorial trees (mango) were planted. This was followed by a small artistic program and a nice meal. Of course, we remembered all our benefactors and prayed for them.

Father, I can’t express how grateful we are to you, your councilors and all the good people who contributed in one way or another. Now we can continue to develop our Tanzanian mission, accepting new local candidates and organizing CR formation programs in a very good environment, which our Resurrection Formation House in Morogoro is. And we can see God’s blessing also in the fact that there are new candidates coming and asking to join our community. During the inauguration feast we had five aspirants. Later, two of them left, but the remaining three should start the postulancy program together with philosophical studies next week. So, all together, in our Morogoro community, there are now four professed seminarians, one junior brother and three postulants. Thanks to our Risen Lord for all. Thank you very much again. We promise to pray for all of you. Karibu Tanzania!

Yours in our Risen Lord,
Fr. Andrew Duda, CR”



Procession leading into the chapel for the opening of the completed formation house.



Celebrating Mass for the official inauguration of the formation house on September 23rd.



Planting around the new formation house.

Van for Bulgarian Mission

The Congregation’s Bulgarian Mission operates within two Christian traditions – Eastern and Western. We have six churches under our care in Burgas, Varna, Malko Tynovo, Shumen, Carev Brod and Dobircz. The main places are Burgas and Varna.



Three Resurrectionist priests minister in Bulgaria. Needless to say, safe and reliable transportation is needed to travel to the various churches. Our Ontario Kentucky Province was privileged to provide the funds to purchase a 2008 van for our Bulgarian mission at the cost of \$11,500 Canadian dollars. The van was purchased from the Benedictine nuns who minister in Bulgaria. Fr. Michal Szlachciak, CR, superior of the Bulgarian Mission, assures all benefactors that they are being remembered in their daily prayers. He asks all of us to remember the Mission in our prayers. We thank our many benefactors who have contributed to the Resurrectionist Missions over the years and ask for your continued support.

Apostles of the Resurrection

On September 16, our Apostles of the Resurrection, along with a number of CR's, gathered at St. Stanislaus Parish in Hamilton for their latest formation session. Studies on the 8 Principles of Resurrectionist Spirituality continued with the focus on Principle #5 – "God calls us to conversion – Dying and Rising with Jesus". Fr. Sam Restivo, CR and Mrs. Wanda Cakebread reflected on this principle within the context of the first four principles that had been addressed earlier. These included: God's unconditional love for each of us; our being created in God's image & likeness; our human condition; our attractiveness to behaviours that prevent us from experiencing deep joy, contentment & peace. With principle 5, Fr. Sam and Wanda looked at our call to healing, wholeness and holiness, i.e. conversion.

The most intriguing aspect of the conversion of Bogdan Jański, one of the founders of the Resurrectionists, according to Fr. Sam, lies in the theological & biblical meaning of conversion (metanoia) and the consequent changes in his lifestyle. Metanoia/conversion is a total, interior renewal. It is a radical turning to the Lord, a profound change of mind & heart that puts the priority on Jesus in one's life. And conversion effects a radical openness to the will of God.

Conversion/metanoia is important because it is at the heart of the gospel and at the very beginning of the teaching of Jesus. In Mark's gospel Jesus says, "The reign of God is at hand. Be converted and believe in the gospel." The reign of God is the bursting into human history of the power of God's saving love in Jesus. The words of Jesus call us to see and accept that saving love, to turn from our selves/ego and accept the gift of God's overwhelming love for us.

This conversion experience was the foundation of the earliest Resurrection community. Paradoxically, the effect of conversion was not the creation of a group of depressed and depressing people who considered themselves useless sinners. Rather, the first members of the group were transformed by the overwhelming experience of God's unconditional love for them.



Resurrectionists and Apostles at the September 16th gathering

Jański began to pay attention, reflect & savour his own very human experiences and recognize the presence and action of the Risen Lord in them. In his diary we read of his felt-sense experiences of God as he struggled with intense feelings of guilt & shame. In the end, he was able to reflect deeply about himself and his future. This laid the groundwork for his moral conversion and growing desire for union with God in Christ.

Fr. Sam and Wanda led the group in both large and small group discussions, and Wanda led a guided meditation. The day concluded with a meal and fellowship.

If you are interested in learning more about the Apostles of the Resurrection, please visit our website: www.resurrectionists.ca.

Vocation Attraction - "If You Build It They Will Come."

By Fr. Toby Collins, CR

After 6 years of vocation ministry I have become aware that young people make choices about their future based on what they are attracted to. They research, sample, experiment, pray, and ask great questions to find out what they are really drawn to before making a decision. And those choosing religious life, out of the many possible vocations, are still telling stories about falling in love with their heart's desire just like anyone else.

Ancient or new, religious communities are scrambling to figure out a way to clearly radiate who they are and what they stand for in the hope of attracting new members. When invited, people



Fr. Toby Collins, CR



Fr. Sam Restivo, CR and Wanda Cakebread, facilitators of the Apostles' formation session

do come to investigate them. Some because of a deep desire to love God and abandon the tug of all things temporal, others because it fulfills a lifelong dream to lead, teach or inspire as a leader in the Church, and some inquire just to find out what makes someone else's heart ablaze with love. Personally, I think they all come because there is still something that religious that other vocations don't, namely, a vowed life. Namely, a vowed life that seeks to fall in love with God alone and become more and more in sync with the movements of love all around us. What they discover is often the real deal. A presence of love that transforms them internally and reveals to them their true purpose in life. In the western part of the world this often means moving away from an individual approach to self and closer to an identity that is rooted in a communal desire to pray, heal, and restore.

So how do we build a culture that is conducive to the growth of vocations to religious life? Build something attractive. Work together as a community to name what is most precious for everyone. Then share this wherever people are looking for that "something more" in their lives - especially the youth! Tell short stories about personal transformation that lead to a deeply felt sense of peace, love, and joy. Involve youth and lay experts to help you communicate your message using current technologies. And never forget to feed the souls and bodies of inquirers with rich food and not too much of it.

Details will emerge with a collaborative and prayerful approach. And if the community is able to work together, the process itself will unite its membership and unknowingly reveal to potential candidates a hint of something that is very attractive today, namely, belonging to a community that is bigger than themselves.

A Day in the Life of a Novice

By Ed Sikora

Ed Sikora began his one-year novitiate at St. Joseph the Worker house in Chicago in August of this year. This is how he spends a normal day...

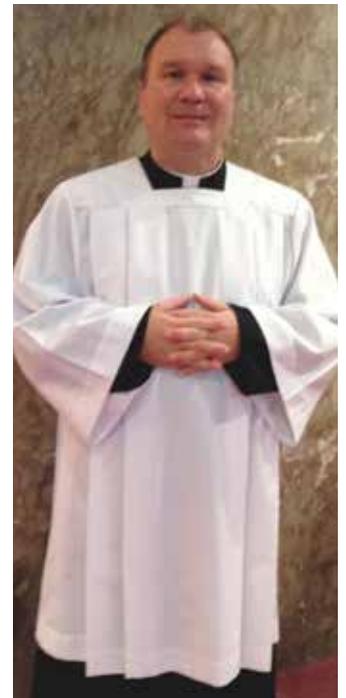
My typical day starts at 5:30am, preparing for Mass and Morning Prayer. After breakfast, I meet with Bishop Robert Kurtz, CR, who is serving as my Novice Director. Together we discuss such topics as the CR Constitutions, the Statutes, or the recently held General Chapter. At the present time we are discussing the CR principles of formation and reviewing one of the talks from the intercommunity novitiate program -- being sexual and celibate. Each day before lunch we go to the chapel for an examination of conscience and mid-day prayer. In my spare time I read scripture and spiritual books and review what the Bishop and I talked about during our classes. I am currently reading Confessions by St. Augustine. I am also learning, on my own, how to play the guitar. Later in the afternoon we have Lectio Divina, evening prayers, dinner and catch up on the ABC news. After dinner I often go for a walk for an hour or so around the neighbourhood. Some evenings the Bishop and I watch a DVD from Bishop Robert Barron or about the history of Vatican II. We finish the evening with compline (night prayers) at 8:30pm. When I have spare time, I enjoy putting jigsaw puzzles together with the other CR's living in the house.

Each Thursday, I volunteer at the soup kitchen at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. I usually work the "slop station" where the people bring me their dirty dishes and I clean them before they go into a sterilizer dishwasher. There are about 80-100 people who come by for a meal each day, Monday to Friday. I have met some Franciscan postulants who volunteer at the kitchen.

I also take part in the intercommunity novitiate program on Tuesdays, accompanied by Bishop Kurtz, where there are about 30 novices from various communities around the world. I am the only Canadian novice. There are a variety of topics discussed each week such as Myers Briggs, being sexual and celibate and conflict management.

On Sundays, the Bishop and I visit different CR Churches throughout the Chicago area, from St. Hedwigs to Immaculate Conception parish in Morris, IL. The Bishop presides at the Mass and I assist him. On Sunday evenings at 8pm, there is a holy hour in the chapel where we pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

I am fortunate to be living at the St. Joseph the Worker house where I have gotten to know many CR priests and brothers living in community.



*Ed Sikora, novice of the
Congregation of the
Resurrection*

Where are They Now?

Fr. Sam Restivo, CR

Fr. Sam Restivo, CR is currently working as a part-time priest-chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital in Kitchener. Besides ministering to the sick, their families and staff, he is also serving on several hospital committees. While he had hoped to work as part-time associate pastor at St. Francis Parish, Fr. Sam discovered that his ministry at the hospital does not give him time to devote to parish ministry. Therefore, he has moved back to Resurrection Manor, 265 Westmount Road North, Suite 210, Waterloo, N2L 3G7. His phone number at the Manor is 519-772-2949 and his email address is samrestivo904@gmail.com. Fr. Sam will assist Fr. Tim at St. Francis by presiding and preaching at the parish, and will also assist with other liturgical events throughout the year.



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