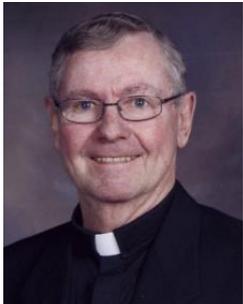


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Fr. Patrick McKelvie, CR

In Memoriam Fr. Patrick McKelvie, CR

This past year the Congregation of the Resurrection mourned the death of Fr. Patrick Leonard McKelvie, CR. Fr. Pat died on September 24, 2022 at Grand River Hospital in Kitchener. He

was 76 years old, in his 58th year of religious life and 45th year of ordained priesthood.

Fr. Pat was predeceased by his parents Harry and Helene (nee Brannif), a brother, Douglas, and a sister, Jinny. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his brother Michael (Mary), nephews John (Tracy) and Patrick (Nicole), niece Kelly, and many other relatives.

On September 8, 1964, Fr. Pat professed perpetual vows in the Congregation and he was ordained to the ministerial priesthood on May 14, 1977.

Before his ordination, Fr. Pat served as a deacon at St. Francis Parish in Kitchener. He began his priestly ministry as chaplain of St. Jerome's College (now University) and Vocation Co-ordinator for the Ontario-Kentucky Province. He served as Associate Pastor at St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener, and ministered in Bermuda as Rector of St. Theresa's Cathedral and as Pastor at St. Michael's Parish. Fr. Pat served as Southdown's Director for Aftercare Ministry and as a Spiritual Director. In 1988 he undertook graduate studies at Aquinas Institute (St. Louis) for an MA in Pastoral Studies, concentrating on religious formation.

Fr. Pat served on several committees within the Congregation and was Formation Director and House Superior for Resurrection House of Theology, Toronto. He also served on the St. Jerome's College Board of Governors and the KW Catholic Social Services Board.

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Fr. Pat enjoying a visit with Santa

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Gardening was a great passion for Fr. Pat. He had a green thumb and spent many hours throughout the Spring and Summer months beautifying the grounds of Resurrection Manor. In particular, he loved nurturing his tomato plants, watching them grow and sharing the bounty with the other Manor residents.

The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Eugene’s Chapel in Waterloo on September 28th, and interment took place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener. May Fr. Pat rest in peace.



Apostles and Resurrectionists gather for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Apostles of the Resurrection Revisioning

The Apostles of the Resurrection, a lay association initiated by the Ontario-Kentucky Province of the Congregation of the Resurrection almost eight years ago, has been undertaking a process of re-visioning over the past few months. It was determined that now, after two years of COVID restrictions, would be a good time to revisit the purpose and direction of the group. On October 22nd the Apostles were invited to be part of a visioning exercise led by Marion Thomson Howell, a long-time parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Parish and a friend of the CR’s. Those gathered were asked to consider the vision of the Apostles. A lot of opinions and ideas surfaced during the session. The conversation continued at a follow-up gathering on December 10th, which was held at Stanislaus Kostka rectory in Hamilton. Several Apostles and Resurrectionists gathered at St. Stan’s, with many others joining via Zoom. This meeting was led by Fr. Tim Uniack, CR, Provincial Superior. Four questions were discussed: 1) Define Collaboration; 2) What are concrete, tangible examples of collaboratively working together? 3) Why do you want the Apostles



in your lives? and 4) Moving forward. A very fruitful conversation took place, with the steering committee being given the task of developing a process to work with the information gathered and set it in motion.

Also at the December 10th gathering, a new formation program for Apostles was introduced and explained by Bob Sproule and Wanda Cakebread, who attended the Lay Association gathering in Rome this past summer. A twelve-session program, created and developed by Bob Sproule, Dee Sproule and Wanda Cakebread, using the resources from the gathering in Rome, began on January 14th.

A new list of resources developed by the Apostles of the Resurrection Connect (ARC) committee was introduced as well. The spreadsheet, available on the Resurrectionist website, contains information about websites, email subscriptions, movies, books, articles, apps, etc. that may be of interest to Apostles and Resurrectionists wishing to deepen their spiritual life. The committee also has collected a large number of books, and these will be made available at each of the large gatherings of the Apostles throughout the year.



Fr. Joseph deViveiros, CR leads a reflection on the Immaculate Conception

Other Apostles' News

Reflections for each of the four weeks of Advent were prepared by the retreat and communal prayer committee and made available each week. Advent candles were distributed to each Apostle to be used during the reflections. It was a beautiful way to help in the spiritual preparation for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. On December 8th Resurrectionists and Apostles of the Resurrection gathered at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Kitchener to celebrate Evening Prayer for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR presided and led those gathered in a reflection on the Immaculate Conception.

On January 14th, several Apostles gathered at Resurrection College (and several more attended virtually) for the first of the formation sessions. Newly elected steering committee members, Bob Sproule and Marianna Worth, were introduced. They will join the committee to replace long-time members Lois Peterson and Dee Sproule. Thank you to Lois and Dee for your dedication and generosity on this committee.

Check out the Apostles of the Resurrection on the Resurrectionist website for more information, and join us!

My Visit to Tanzania -- An Experience, Not to be Forgotten

By Fr. Paul Voisin, CR

On December 5th, I departed from Rome, passing through (at that very time) the FIFA World Cup city of Doha, Qatar, on my way to Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. The most important purpose of my fourth visit to Tanzania was to receive the Perpetual Profession of two of our Tanzanians, Vitalis Masika and Joseph Chacha, in Morogoro, where our Formation House is located. Having renewed their Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience for some years, they petitioned the Congregation to receive them into full membership. The local Board of Examiners, after meeting with each of them, gave their positive recommendation, as did the Rector of Students. I was



Vitalis Masika pronouncing his Perpetual Vows, surrounded by brother Resurrectionists

pleased that (on my suggestion, so I could attend) they agreed to celebrate this important moment in their lives as Resurrectionists on one of our Community Feasts, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – December 8th. Having made their five-day retreat with Father Daniel Hinç, they were ready for this perpetual commitment of themselves to God and the Church, through the Congregation of the Resurrection.

We celebrated the Mass at the local parish church, under the care of the Capuchin Franciscans. We were welcomed warmly by them, and their organist and parish choir provided enthusiastic music and song for the Eucharist. Father Maciej Braun, the local Superior of the Tanzanian Mission, was the main celebrant. Father Andrzej Duda, Formator and Novice Director, called the two men forward as part of the rite, and shared my homily, translated into Swahili. We were joined by Father Daniel Hinç,

Formator in Morogoro; Father Jim Donohue, studying Swahili and future Formator; Father Phillip Justinian, Pastor of our Parish in Butiama (first Tanzanian Resurrectionist priest), Father Yohana Kachwele, Associate Pastor of our Parish in Buhemba (second Tanzanian Resurrectionist priest), and by our other eight young (temporary) Professed, six candidates, and five postulants. We were also joined at Mass by the Capuchin pastor and a Polish missionary.

The presence of family members, other religious and friends – who all supported and encouraged Joseph and Vitalis during their years of formation – contributed greatly to the joyous celebration. We were happy that Sister Lucia, the first Tanzanian Resurrectionist Sister, was also present.

The Rite of Perpetual Profession began with each of the two men being called forth by name, and responding to initial questions about their intention. Then the homily was shared, and Vitalis and Joseph came forward to respond to further questions. They prostrated themselves for the Litany of the Saints, which was beautifully led in song by one of the young



Fr. Paul Voisin, CR with Vitalis Masika and Joseph Chacha

Professed. They then each professed their Vows before me, the Superior General, followed by a Prayer of Blessing, and the Blessing. Each of them then received a crucifix and a Paschal candle. This was followed by the signing of their hand-written vow sheet, witnessed by each of the perpetually professed Resurrectionists present. It was a very solemn occasion. For me, personally, it was a very emotional event, and my voice 'cracked' at one point when I welcomed them into full membership in the Congregation. This was the only Perpetual Profession I witnessed/received during my tenure as Superior General.

After the Mass we continued the celebration of the commitment of Joseph and Vitalis at our nearby Seminary, where we were entertained by singing and comedy routines (by the seminarians). A meal was served to all those who shared in the day.

Also, at this occasion, we had the Blessing and Inauguration of a new residence building on our seminary property. This was financed by the Ontario-Kentucky Province. With so many vocations, we needed more room for students, so we added six new bedrooms for two with bath, a suite for the Formator, a study room and a lounge. It is an impressive two storey building and fits well into an empty space between the two existing buildings – a residence, and the dining room/kitchen and two suites for Formators. The Blessing was given, in Swahili, by Father Jim, and together we cut the ribbon, and then proceeded with the blessing with Holy Water throughout the building.



Fr. Jim Donohue, CR and Fr. Paul Voisin, CR cutting the ribbon for the inauguration of the new residence building at the Seminary in Morogoro

Good things are happening in Tanzania, and I have been happy to be a small part of it, visiting four times, and, together with the other members of the General Council, caring for the needs of our men there, and assisting them with formation and pastoral plans and activities. The Tanzania Mission comes directly under the Roman House.

Vitalis and Joseph will continue their studies in Theology, having already received a Degree in Education and Philosophy from Jordan University in Morogoro. The profession of Perpetual Vows makes them future candidates to the (transitional) Diaconate and Priesthood. There are many requests for teachers in Catholic schools, including the Resurrection Pre and Primary School in our Buhemba Parish. Construction of a high school has also begun there.

While in Morogoro I also visited a property which was financed by the United States of America Province, on which we have plans to construct other buildings for formation purposes. So far, only a wall has been constructed around the property, to protect it from intruders or squatters. We have other religious community neighbours, and look forward to developing this new site for the formation of Tanzanian Resurrectionists.



Resurrectionists of the Tanzanian Mission



Joseph Chacha preparing to travel to the Mirwa outstation

Please keep our young men in formation and their Formators in your prayers, as well as the Resurrectionist priests and brothers working in our parishes in Butiama, Our Lady of the Precious Blood of Jesus, and Buhemba, Saint John Paul II, in the Diocese of Musoma. We have invitations from other Dioceses, as well as Musoma, to serve the local Church, which will be considered as personnel become available.

Christmas in Buhemba

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

It was a welcome surprise when Fr. Maciej, Fr. Yohana, Br. Michael, and I gathered for a pre-Christmas meeting. I found out that an important preparation for Christmas was for us to visit all the sick, elderly and shut-ins that reside in the Buhemba parish and the outstations. We each had our assignment. Mine was to go with Fr. Yohana to the Mirwa Outstation. We would split up so that we could cover more ground... and that we did. I walked about six miles (9.6 km) to visit two elderly women. I walked with the catechist Joseph Chacha who led me through corn fields, along creek beds, over streams, and up hills.

We had to navigate a few rough places. One stream looked a bit daunting. It took us a while to find a place



Joseph Chacha navigating a stream on the way to Mirwa outstation



Children at the Mirwa outstation



Visiting an elderly woman at Mirwa outstation

to jump over. I am a bit embarrassed to admit this, but I almost did not make it when I jumped. I had that split second where I could have gone forward or backward! I think there was a gentle breeze at my back that gave me enough push! Maybe it was the Holy Spirit!

The two elderly women we visited were both very old and poor, but their families are caring for them and supporting them. At the first place, the woman had her daughter and her daughter's five children around. At the second place, the woman's son and all his family were there. People were waiting patiently for us. They are all devout Catholics and knew all the responses to the prayers. All the members of the second family were fully initiated with Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, so I was able to give communion to everyone present.



Handing out candies to the children



Child in Buhemba



Choir at Magunga outstation

I know it involved much walking, but it was one of the more moving experiences that I have had in Tanzania. In each case, the family told me how happy they were that we had not forgotten their mother/grandmother. I would say this was one of the best ways to prepare for Christmas! Afterwards, Fr. Yohana and I teamed up to visit one last elderly woman. She was so glad to see us and kept repeating, “Oh my, two priests!”

Another important part of preparation is the church decorations. Brother Michael is the chief engineer for the Christmas decorations in the church. He was working all week. I would peek in once in a while to see what was happening. Br. Michael had several senior altar servers helping him. Fr. Paul Voisin, our Superior General, was visiting from Rome. He offered some advice. We all politely listened and went back to work!

Finally, everything was ready for the Christmas celebrations! We began Christmas Evening Mass in darkness, but soon the lights were shining, and the celebration began.

Part of the Christmas celebration involved the baptism of over twenty children, mostly babies. Fr. Yohana and I shared the baptisms...they were the first children that I baptized in Tanzania!



Returning home with a sheep on Christmas Day

On Christmas Day, I went to the Mirwa Outstation and the Magunga Outstation. Both churches were so crowded that we had many of the children sitting in the sanctuary. After Mass in the Mirwa Outstation, the altar servers handed out candies to all the children.

The choir was in fine form in the Magunga Outstation. I participated in handing out the candy at this outstation. In hindsight, I think it was safer to observe!

Christmas evening was great because Fr. Philip, Br. Mosses, and two brother candidates—Lameck and Michael Jackson—drove from Butiama and joined us for dinner. We had a great meal, plus cake and ice cream!

One final part of the Christmas celebrations was a Day for Children on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Over 300 children gathered at the Tarani Outstation for Mass, games, songs, skits, and food. The biggest surprise for me was that we came home with a sheep as well as a truck load of kids!

It was a wonderful day and great capstone for all that we prepared and celebrated at Christmas.



The altar beautifully decorated for Christmas



Two brothers baptized by Fr. Jim Donohue, CR Christmas Eve



From left to right, Fr. Philip, Br. Michael Jackson (candidate), Fr. Yohana, Br. Michael, Br. Lameck (candidate), and Br. Mosses joined us for dinner



Three girls at the Day for Children at the Tarani Outstation.



Fr. Jim Donohue, CR, new Superior

Installation of New African Mission Superior

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

Fr. Maciej Braun, CR had served the maximum length of time—nine years—as Superior of the Tanzanian Mission in East Africa. After a consultation, our Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, CR and his Council appointed Fr. James Donohue, CR as the new Superior for a three-year term. He was installed by Fr. Paul on December 21, 2022, in Buhemba.

In the early evening we gathered in the rectory chapel for the installation. Fr. Paul read a section from the Constitutions of the Congregation of the Resurrection reminding those present that “the strength of the Congregation is dependent upon the intensity of the spiritual life and the fruitful apostolic life of each local community.” He urged each of us to grow in faith as we share Christian values, celebrate the Eucharist, and pray together; to grow in hope as we share one another’s sorrows and joys, and encourage and support one another; and to grow in love as we make efforts to bring the care, compassion and forgiveness of Christ to one another.

After the ceremony, all present witnessed the installation of Fr. Jim as the local Superior of the Peter Semenko House for the next three years.

Currently, there are nine perpetually professed Resurrectionists in Tanzania (six priests, one brother, and two scholastics). In addition to the two scholastics, there are fourteen seminarians and five aspirants at the Formation House in Morogoro.



Fr. Andrzej Duda, Br. Michael Mabuluja, Fr. Yohana Kachwele, Fr. James Donohue, Fr. Maciej Braun, and Fr. Paul Voisin.

New Resurrection Secondary School in Buhemba

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

Resurrection Pre-Primary and Primary Schools in Buhemba are getting an addition: Resurrection Secondary School. Fr. Maciej Braun, CR, the pastor of the Buhemba Parish and the Director of the Resurrection schools is heading up another building project. His shirt (Genius at work) says it all! You can know this from watching all that happens around Fr. Maciej and the new Resurrection Secondary School!

Planning for the Resurrection Secondary School began some time ago, as parents of current students in the primary school contributed money for the land on which the secondary school will be built. The parents are so pleased with the education of their children that they are willing to make this sacrifice so that their children can continue to receive an excellent education all the way through secondary school. 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. Look for more about the new Resurrection Secondary School in our next issue!



Fr. Maciej Braun, CR, spearheading the building of a new secondary school



350 dozen cookies baked for Tiny Homes Takeout fundraiser

Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

Congratulations to chef Amy Cyr and her team of bakers at St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener. In December they baked 350 dozen Christmas cookies and raised over \$5000 for the Tiny Homes Takeout.

Resurrectionists on Social Media!

Please check out the new, updated website for the Ontario-Kentucky Province – www.resurrectionists.ca. The new site contains lots of interesting information about the story

and spirituality of the Congregation, the ministry of its members, as well as the Apostles of the Resurrection. It is possible to make prayer requests, read weekly Sunday Reflections and follow regular blogs by Fr. Jim Donohue, CR, who is the newest member of the Tanzanian mission team.

Connect also on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. If you would like to receive the Resurrection Bulletin by email, you can sign up on the website.



Fr. Jim Valk, CR

Where Are They Now?

Fr. Jim Valk, CR has recently moved from Resurrection Manor in Waterloo to Lanark Village Retirement Residence in Kitchener, where he will receive the additional care that he needs. He can be reached at 44 Lanark Crescent, Linden Room 60, Kitchener, ON, N2N 2Z8. His phone number is 548-288-8637.

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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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