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Special Papal Honours

Fr. Sam Restivo, CR

On Sunday, November 26, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI presided over a special Mass during which Papal Honours were bestowed on lay persons from the Hamilton Diocese, as well as one Brother, and our own Fr. Sam Restivo, CR.

Fr. Sam received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Papal Cross. The cross “for the Church and for the Pope” had its origin in 1888, as a token of the golden jubilee of Pope Leo XIII; he bestowed it on those who had assisted in the observance of his jubilee and on persons responsible for the success of the Vatican Exposition. This cross was made permanent in October 1898 in recognition of service to the Church and the papacy.

The honour, given for distinguished service to the church, was bestowed upon Fr. Sam by His Excellency Gerald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada. Fr. Sam, commenting on receiving the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, said: “Receiving the papal medal for church and community service from Pope Francis primarily honours the faith formation I received from my family and the Resurrectionists who have served in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1857.”

The Congregation of the Resurrection is grateful to God for calling Fr. Sam to be a member of our religious community, and for his distinguished service to the church. Congratulations Fr. Sam!

Dr. Tom Borys

Several lay persons from the Diocese of Hamilton also received Papal Honours. Among these, Dr. Tom Borys, a member of the lay advisory board for the Canadian

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Fr. Sam with Bishop Crosby, OMI and His Excellency Gerald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada.

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Dr. Tom Borys receiving the Benemerenti Medal from His Excellency Gerald Cyprian Cardinal Lacroix

Province, was honoured with the Benemerenti Medal. Besides serving on the advisory board, Dr. Borys is the doctor for several residents of Resurrection Manor and visits the Manor regularly to deal with their health concerns. Congratulations to Dr. Borys for his many years of dedicated and distinguished service to the church.



Fr. Mike Cundari, CR, who died on November 2, 1986.

Remembering Fr. Mike Cundari, CR

In November, 2023, members of the Cundari family as well as students and staff of St. Joseph – Scollard Hall Catholic school in North Bay gathered to recognize the 37th anniversary of the death of Fr. Mike Cundari, CR, a Resurrectionist priest, teacher, coach and principal who died in an automobile accident on November 2, 1986. Fr. Mike, Principal of St. Jerome's High School in Kitchener, had been returning from North Bay, where he had attended a track meet with students from St. Jerome's. His vehicle was hit by a drunk driver





Students tied red ribbons at the gate of Cundari Field at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall School

on the highway near Burks Falls, south of North Bay. He was 52 years of age. On the 37th anniversary of his death, students tied red ribbons at the gate of St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Cundari Field, the field dedicated to him in 2015.

Where are They Now?

January 1st, 2024 marked a new beginning for several members of the Canadian Province. Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, who recently returned from Rome after serving for



Fr. Paul Voisin, CR, Fr. Murray McDermott, CR and Fr. Raphael Ma, CR



Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR, Fr. Toby Collins, CR and Fr. Raphael Ma, CR

six years as the Congregation's Superior General, has become the new pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Kitchener. He replaces Fr. Murray McDermott, CR, who will continue to reside and minister at St. Francis. Fr. Paul will also take over the apostolate of collaborating with the Apostles of the Resurrection. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, who had been living at St. Francis Parish, has moved to St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener and will serve as Associate Pastor. He will join Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Pastor of St. Mary's, and Fr. Paul Szymanowski, CR. Fr. Paul will reside at St. Mary's and complete his doctoral dissertation in Moral Theology, a program he began at the Alphonsian Academy (the Alphonsianum) in Rome while he was serving as the Congregation's archivist. Fr. Paul's primary ministry will be to head the new vocation team, assisted by Fr. Toby and Fr. Raph.

We wish all of these men God's blessings as they begin their new assignments.



*Manor Residents - Christmas 2023: Front Row L-R: Tim Uniac, Pat Aiello, Sudie MacDonald, Ray Reitzel, Jim Link
Back Row L-R: John Cline, Florian Stasinski, Ed Hohenadel, David Ernst, Chris Buda, Harry Reitzel, David Mowat*

Resurrection Manor

There are currently eleven residents of Resurrection Manor, including ten members of the Resurrection Manor House and Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, Provincial Superior. They posed for this photo before their Christmas dinner at the Manor.

Loaves & Laughter: A Sign of New Life

By Andrew Zettel, Outreach Coordinator for St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener

I continue to be convinced that Catholic parishes are being invited to get creative when it comes to building welcoming communities of faith. Sometimes, the best ideas can originate with something so simple, yet so relatable: a loaf of bread, perhaps?

Last winter, Fr. Toby became aware of a bakery in the little town of Harriston, ON, that was going out of business. The family-owned operation had provided delicious baked goods to the community for many

years, and even had their own famous family bread recipe. The timing was providential, as Tiny Home Takeout was looking to replace our store-bought bread for the sandwich delivery program with a homemade option. While Fr. Toby wasn't on the hunt for a recipe per se, he was interested in purchasing some equipment (including a bread slicer) from the bakery. However, once the family heard of our work feeding the community in downtown Kitchener, they were eager to support us. In addition to selling us their bread slicer, they offered the secret to the family bread recipe. In this way, the Harriston bread has taken on a new life, even as the bakery has closed for business.

That's how our initial interest in bread began at St. Mary's...

Little by little, Chef Amy worked to refine the recipe and the baking methods so that we could consistently produce a large quantity of sliced sandwich bread. Members of the community volunteered to take special shifts baking the bread. This has had an incredibly positive impact on our 'Going Mobile' meal delivery service which is now offering a more local and high-quality product.



Amy Cyr and Andrew Zettel preparing to make bread

However, while all this bread-making was taking off at St. Mary's, another group emerged. Last Spring we launched *Loaves & Laughter*, a Friday night bread-making workshop. We weren't sure at all how popular it would be, but our basic idea for the program was simple: what if there were a place where people could gather, to make new friends, learn about artisan bread-making, and share the faith with one another?

Loaves & Laughter is now a FREE, all-ages activity on Friday nights. Chef Amy, Fr. Toby and I take turns selecting the recipe, prepping the ingredients, and leading the activity. Organically, a diverse group of friends has developed – kids as young as 5 & 6 with their parents, seniors who are “young at heart”, folks who've lived their whole life in Kitchener, and newcomers to Canada who've just arrived in 2023. Our typical turnout is about 20-25 people. We also have a wide variety of breads that we like to bake: garlic & parmesan, cinnamon raisin, Irish soda, chocolate chip ...even pizza dough! At the end of the night, everyone goes home with a loaf of bread (and a smile on their face).

While the dough is either rising or baking in the oven, we come together, either in a circle or in small groups, and have a time of sharing & reflection. Sometimes



Fr. Toby Collins, CR, joining in the fun.

a Scripture passage is read, or a poem. Sometimes the leader will invite us to tell memorable stories from our childhood, or to think about our traditions around a particular season. We've remembered loved ones who've gone on before us, we've talked about the realities of life on Indigenous reserves in the North, we've learned about the challenges new Canadians face getting integrated. Several of our members got to try pie & butter tarts for the very first time, provided by Barbara & Celeste, two School Sisters of Notre Dame.

One young lady from India shared the following with us: “As an immigrant, it's very difficult leaving your home for a new country. But *Loaves & Laughter* is the first group that has made me feel welcome.”

As I continue doing the work of community-building – particularly in a parish setting – I'm constantly being reminded to keep an open mind about how an idea might take off. *Bread-baking? On a Friday night? Don't people have better things to do? Won't young people find it boring?*



The finished product. Another successful evening of breadmaking!

Not at all. What I've witnessed is a program that brings lots of joy to people from different backgrounds and in various stages of life. It's never quite the same group that gathers on Fridays, but the enthusiasm at the beginning of the night, the laughter throughout the event, and the gratitude on people's faces as they leave with a freshly baked loaf of bread ...these are consistent. What may have begun with a bakery at the end of its 'life cycle' has – I believe through the Holy Spirit – been resurrected, given new life.

The bread-making continues, and the parish community grows stronger...



Participants enjoying Loaves & Laughter

Stages of Formation in the Tanzanian Mission

By Fr. Jim Donohue, CR

In response to the growing number of seminarians and candidates in Tanzania, our Superior General, Fr. Paul Voisin, C.R., approved a reorganization of the formation program in June 2022. Up to this point, Fr. Andrzej Duda, C.R. (Polish Province) had the overwhelming responsibility for all phases of formation. It is amazing what he was able to accomplish in his time as vocation director, novice director, and rector of students!

At present, the Resurrectionists in Tanzania have three major steps in the formation program.



Fr. Andrzej Duda, CR and Fr. Paul Voisin, CR in procession for the perpetual vows of Vitalis Masika, CR and Joseph Chacha, CR in Morogoro.



Fr. Daniel, Alexander, and Innocence (who stayed with us for a short time). Bottom row: Emmanuel, Anord, Sylvester, and Adrian.

First Stage: Propaedeutical Year

For the first stage, Fr. Daniel Hinç, C.R. (Polish Province) is the rector of the candidates who have expressed interest in joining the Resurrectionists. This year of formation was instituted by the Vatican—called the Propaedeutical Year—to help ground “aspirants” in prayer, catechetics, and human development before they begin their formal seminary training. At present, we have five aspirants this year under the supervision of Fr. Daniel: Alexander, Emmanuel, Sylvester, Anord, and Adrian. The aspirants live in the formation house in Morogoro with the seminarians under temporary or perpetual vows.



Jerome and Benedicto (3rd Philosophy) are preparing for Novitiate in August 2024.



From left to right: Paschal, Livinus, Valentino, Fr. Andrzej, Joseph, and Karoli.

Second Stage: Year of Novitiate

After the Propaedeutical Year, the candidates are eligible to apply for Novitiate, entering their second stage of formation. Fr. Andrzej is the Novice Director. He has had much experience in this role, both in Poland and in Tanzania. Currently, we have five novices: Valentino, Livinus, Paschal, Joseph, and Karoli. The Novitiate is in Buhemba where Fr. Maciej Braun, C.R. (Polish Province) serves as pastor of St. John Paul II Parish and Director of Resurrection pre-primary and primary schools. The Novitiate usually begins and ends on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary in August each year.

Third Stage: Academic Studies

The third stage of formation in Tanzania is the academic studies of the Resurrectionist men under temporary or perpetual vows in Philosophy (3 years) and Theology (3 years), followed by a pastoral year. Fr. James Donohue, C.R. (Canadian Province) is the Rector of Seminarians in the Morogoro formation house. Currently, we have four Philosophy students: Benedicto, Jerome, Audax, and Cleophas. There are ten Theology students: Vitalis and Emmanuel (3rd year); Joseph, Brayan, and Mario (2nd year), Selestine, Petro, Francis, Gervas, and Leonsi (1st year). In addition, there is one brother under temporary vows who is finishing his secondary education, Br. Michael Mabuluja, C.R.



Fr. Phillip and Fr. Yohana at the perpetual vow profession of Joseph and Vitalis.



Fr. Jim Donohue, CR (Superior of the Tanzanian Mission) with Joseph Chacha, CR and Vitalis Masika, CR at their perpetual vow celebration



Bottom row: Michael, Brayan, Vitalis, and Petro. 2nd row: Gervas, Selestine, and Audax. 3rd row: Joseph, Emmanuel, Leonsi, and Mario. 4th row: Benedicto, Cleophace, and Jerome.



A crowded chapel of seminarians and aspirants



Fr. Daniel Hinç with seminarians and aspirants in the dining room



Seminarians with Fr. Jim Donohue, CR, Rector of Seminarians in the Morogoro Formation house.



Thank God for the abundance of vocations

The seminarians in their second and third year are required to finish a fourth year of Theology before their pastoral year. Because of a change at Jordan University College, those who began their first year in Theology this year will only have three years of Theology, followed by their pastoral year.

There is one other important part of the Tanzanian formation program: the formation of those candidates who wish to be brothers in the Congregation of the Resurrection. At present, we have Br. Mosses Katikiro, C.R., who professed his perpetual vows in 2022 and ministers in our parish in Butiama, and Br. Michael Mabuluja, C.R., who is under temporary vows, completing his secondary school in Morogoro. In addition, we have two candidates who were living with us in Morogoro (Baltazar and David) but who have now moved to the parish in Butiama where they

will be supervised by Fr. Phillip Makondo, C.R. After Christmas they will begin their two-year catechetical training in the Musoma Diocese.

Fr. Phillip is our first Tanzanian priest, ordained in 2021. Fr. Yohana Kachwele, C.R. is our second Tanzanian priest, ordained in 2022.

We have quite a crowd when all the seminarians and aspirants are together in the dining room and in the chapel.

We give thanks to God for this abundance of vocations, and we ask that you continue to pray for the success and growth of our Resurrectionist mission in Tanzania.



St. Mary's College, Kentucky

What's in a Name?

The Ontario-Kentucky Province (or O-K Province) of the Congregation of the Resurrection has a new name – the Canadian Province. This came about after the last member of the O-K Province left Kentucky.

After the end of World War II in 1945, the Church and religious communities experienced a period of growth and spiritual development, and this was true for the Congregation of the Resurrection. The membership of the Congregation totalled 379 members at that time, with 266 priests, 48 major seminarians, 44 brothers, 21 novices and postulants. A General Chapter was convoked in Rome on June 18, 1947, with delegates from Europe, Canada and the United



St. Cecilia Church in Louisville, Kentucky, once under the jurisdiction of the Ontario-Kentucky (Canadian) Province

States. The most significant legislation passed during the Chapter was the decision to establish provinces within the Congregation. The division into provinces was formalized on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1948.

Three provinces were established: the Ontario-Kentucky Province (all Canadian Resurrectionists plus those in Kentucky), the Chicago Province (all US Resurrectionists except those in Kentucky) and the Polish Province. Those ministering in Italy, Bulgaria, Austria and Switzerland were under the authority of the Superior General in Rome.

The first council for the Ontario-Kentucky Province was established in 1948 and was made up of Fr. Alphonsus Eicheldinger, CR (Provincial Superior), and four councillors: Fr. Hubert Gehl, CR, Fr. Norbert Dentinger, CR, Fr. Charles Brunck, CR, and Fr. Jerome Arnold, CR.

The Ontario-Kentucky Province's ministry in Kentucky began in 1870, when Fr. Edward Glowacki, CR met with Bishop William McCloskey of Louisville, Kentucky. Fr. Glowacki was in Kentucky on a fundraising lecture tour for the benefit of St. Jerome's College when Bishop McCloskey invited the Congregation to take charge of St. Mary's College in rural Kentucky, which had been closed since 1869 due to financial problems caused by the Civil War. The Resurrectionists re-opened the school for boys in 1871, with Fr. Louis Elena, CR as President and Fr. David Fennessy, CR as Director of Studies. Fr. John Wołowski, CR and cleric Theobald Spetz made up the Resurrectionist group at the college. The school operated as a novitiate and minor seminary for the Resurrectionists, and many vocations were fostered there. St. Mary's remained open until 1976.

The St. Joseph Mission Church was built and opened in March, 1908. The first stained glass on the northside of the church was dedicated to Rev. Michael Jaglowicz, CR, President of St. Mary's College, which was four miles northeast of the church. Fr. Jaglowicz played a large part in the construction and dedication of St. Joseph Church. In 1924, Fr. Ignatius Perius, CR was appointed administrator of St. Augustine Parish in Louisville by Bishop Floersh. In 1925, the bishop offered the Congregation one of the largest parishes in Louisville, St. Cecilia's. He also asked the Congregation to staff St. Charles Parish, which was near St. Mary's College, as well as St. Joseph's Parish in St. Joseph, Kentucky. The Congregation accepted a new parish in the archdiocese of Louisville in 1957 -- Resurrection Parish. The founding pastor was Fr. Harry Opperman, CR, who oversaw the building of a church, school, rectory and convent in the suburbs of Louisville.

Unfortunately, as the number of clergy dwindled over the years, the Ontario-Kentucky Province had to gradually give up jurisdiction of these parishes. Fr. John Lesousky, CR and Brother Ed Benson, CR, both proud Kentuckians, were the last members of the Ontario-Kentucky Province to live in Kentucky. Brother Ed had moved from Canada to care for Fr. John; when Fr. John died in 2021, Brother Ed returned to Canada. With ministry ended in Kentucky, it seemed to make sense to change the name of the

Province to reflect this reality. In 2022, with the approval of the Provincial Superior, Fr. Tim Uniac, CR, and his Council, the name was officially changed to the Canadian Province. The Chicago Province has now become the USA Province.

Currently the worldwide congregation of Resurrectionists consists of the USA Province, the Polish Province, the Canadian Province and the South American Region. The Generalate, which has jurisdiction over the Tanzanian mission, is in Rome.

(Information for this article was taken from Resurrectionist Charism, A History of the Congregation of the Resurrection, Volumes I, II and III by Fr. John Iwicki, CR.)

The Resurrection Prayer

O Risen Lord, the way, the truth and the life, make us faithful followers of the spirit of your resurrection.

Grant that we may be inwardly renewed; dying to ourselves in order that you may live in us.

May our lives serve as signs of the transforming power of your love.

Use us as your instruments for the renewal of society,

Bringing your life and love to all and leading them to your Church.

This we ask of you, Lord Jesus, living and reigning with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen



The way. The Truth. The Life

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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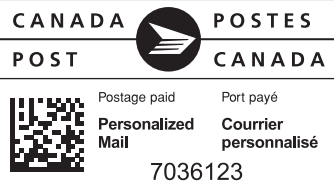
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