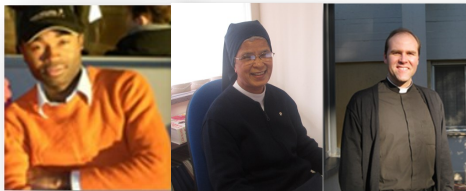


# Nuntia

January 2014

## The Editor

During the past three years I have facilitated the edition of *Nuntia*. It has been a very pleasant service for me to send you this news. It would not have been possible, however, without the support many of you gave me with information and suggestions. But especially, during these three years, I have relied on the support of a team to help with the translations. I am very grateful for this. I would like to take advantage of this space to present the members of this team and, together with you, to thank them for all their dedication to this service. Actually, *Nuntia* is published in English, French, Polish, Slovak, and Spanish.



Three people have helped me with the French edition. There was Thomas Lunot, of the

Province of Paris, who lives in the General Curia for translation work.

Ghislain Attemezing, a young man from the Vincentian Marian Youth of Cameroon, who served as a volunteer in JMV's International Secretariat and is presently a Counselor for JMV Africa, did the majority of the translations during these three years. I also counted on the editing support of Sister Marie Claire, a Daughter of Charity from the Quasi-Province (Paris), who has been serving in the General Curia of the CM since 2005.



Emil Hoffmann, from the Province of Slovakia, helps with the Slovak. He studied Spirituality in Spain, where he learned Spanish.

In his province he is Spiritual Director of the Internal Seminary, which is in Bratislava, and, in addition,

is Provincial Secretary and Librarian. He began his service as translator with the Curia in 2010.



Sister Ann Mary Dougherty, a Daughter of Charity from the Province of Saint Louise USA, has helped me with the translations in English. She served in the Secretariat of the Congregation of the Mission at the General Curia from September 1993 until December 2007.

She started translating *Nuntia* about one year after her arrival at the Curia and has been doing it ever since. At present, she serves at Saint Joseph House in Emmitsburg. She is Editorial Assistant of the Vincentian Translation Project (translation of the volumes of Coste from French into English). They are now working on the final volume, the *Index*, with hope of publishing it at the beginning of 2015. All the volumes of content are already in print, thanks to the work of Sister Marie Poole, who has dedicated more than 30 years to this project.

With the Polish, I count on the help of Tomasz Zieliński. He is a lay Vincentian. He is 49 years old, married with three adult stepsons, and lives in Krakow. His love of the Vincentian charism led him to spend some years of formation in the seminary in Poland. He has been collaborating with Famvin.org since 2008. This collaboration includes translation service into Polish, not only of *Nuntia*, but of other documents too. Besides translation, he offers the video edition and adapts diverse documents and video programs and conferences from the Curia and supports for use in mobile applications and several formats of social media, such as Scribd.





## *The General Curia and the Superior General*

On 1 December 2013, the traditional meeting was held with the confreres from various provinces who are studying in Rome and living at the Leonine College. During the morning, there was a reflection topic on our vocation according to our Constitutions. The topic was animated by Eli Chaves, Assistant General. After the reflection, there was Eucharist followed by lunch and a time for sharing.

*Tempo Forte* was held during the first days of December.

From 10-15 December 2013, the Superior General, together with the Stanislav Zontak, Assistant General, travelled to Honduras. There they took part in a meeting with the different provinces working in the area. They also inaugurated the new mission house of the Province of Slovakia in Honduras. Later they travelled to Panama (16-18) to take part in the regional meeting of the national advisors of the Vincentian Marian Youth (CENMEX: Central America and Mexico).

From the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Superior General participated in several activities. Among them we have his visit to the Internal Seminary of the Mediterranean Provinces that is in Naples, a celebration with the Sisters of “*Maria Immacolata*” House on Via Ezio, and a celebration with the Sisters of “*Regina Mundi*” House.

On the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Curia House had its traditional Eucharist and Christmas dinner. This time they had the enjoyable presence of some relatives of Giuseppe Carulli, Superior of the house. On 25 December, the community of the Curia organized a lunch and moments of cordiality and gifts with poor families, neighbors of the house.

As is tradition, on the first day of the year 2014, the Superior General had his meeting with the Daughters of Charity of the Motherhouse.

From 5-14 January, the meeting of new Visitors was held. It took place in Rome, in “*Maria Immacolata*” House on Via Ezio. Eighteen Visitors participated.

On 17 January, the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Vincentian Family was held in Paris. As we know, this committee is composed of: CM, AIC, SSVP, and DC. Following this meeting, on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the International Meeting of the Leaders of the Vincentian Family was held. Thirty-eight people from 20 branches of the Vincentian Family, among them Superiors General and International Presidents of the lay branches, took part. The topic of reflection was “*Vincentian Contributions to the New Evangelization.*” This meeting is organized by the Vincentian Family Office.

This January, Sister Aparecida Martins and Father Juventino Castellero complete their service in the Vincentian Family Office. We are grateful for their service these past three years and accompany them with our prayers in order that their new missions, in their native countries, may continue to offer life-giving fruit and hope for the poorest.







*Bernard Schoepfer, new Director General of the Daughters of Charity*

As we know, Patrick Griffin resigned from this position. This decision was occasioned by Father Patrick's health issues. For some time already, his cardiac problem required more of attention, but during the last six months it has been of greater concern. With insistence, his doctors recommended health monitoring and a lifestyle that prevents him from continuing the Director General's responsibilities with everything these represent.



After the respective discernment of the General Council, the Superior General named Bernard Schoepfer as the new Director General of the Daughters of Charity. This appointment is for a period of three years.



Father Bernard was born in Basel, Switzerland, and grew up in Alsace, a Region of eastern France. He is a member of the Province of Paris. In his 25 years of priesthood and of ministerial work, Father Bernard has served in rural parishes and in the accompaniment and formation of seminarians of the Congregation. He has

served also as chaplain of the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, as spiritual advisor of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and Provincial Counselor of the Province of Paris. At present, Father Bernard is Superior of the Motherhouse in Paris and National Chaplain of the AIC in France.

*Carl L. Pieber, new Subdirector of AMM International*

As we know, there are three lay branches of the Vincentian Family that have, by Pontifical Rescripts, the Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission as Director General.



These are: the Vincentian Marian Youth (JMV); the Vincentian Lay Missionaries (MISEVI), and the Association of the Miraculous Medal (AMM). The Superior General delegates this function to an Assistant Director, who normally exercises this position for a period of five years.

From 1 January 2014, the new Assistant Director of the AMM is Carl Pieber of the Eastern Province USA. We are grateful to him for his availability and entrust his ministry to the care of Our Mother, the Virgin of the Miraculous Medal, in order that it bear life-giving fruit in this association.



## *International Mission in Benin (Africa)*



Stanislav Zontak, Assistant General, visited the International Mission of Benin from 18-23 January.

The mission was opened with the arrival of Stanisław Deszcz to Biro in August 2012. There are also Sisters of Mary of the Miraculous Medal in this place. In October of the same year, the confrere, Rafał Brukarczyk, came and, in September 2013, Jarosław Lawrenz.

Biro is situated at 660 km from the seat of government (Cotonou), requiring an entire day's journey. It is a typically missionary parish made up of 16 communities and the confreres get around by car or motorcycle.

The Christian communities go back 30 years, formed by missionaries of different congregations, especially those of the Congregation of Missionaries of Africa. The official language is French, but the majority of the people does not speak it, but uses its local language "bariba." From the beginning, the confreres made an effort to learn this language, but they find it difficult because there are no grammar or literature books, etc. With the help of catechists who speak French, they are learning the language.



It is possible to say that this Mission is totally Vincentian. The diocese is poor in the fullest sense of the word, but especially in human resources. There are only 20 priests in the entire diocese, of which only two are from the Diocese in Benin. Three are from the Diocese of Cotonou and the others are religious. The poverty of the population is seen on all sides, especially spiritually. The spiritual hunger is enormous. The parish of Biro has been without a fixed pastor for three years. The region of the Bariba people is looked on with spite by others and there are not many priests who want to learn the language and work there. The people are good and very grateful for the presence of the Congregation. It is a matter of maintaining and supporting a mission with all our strength.



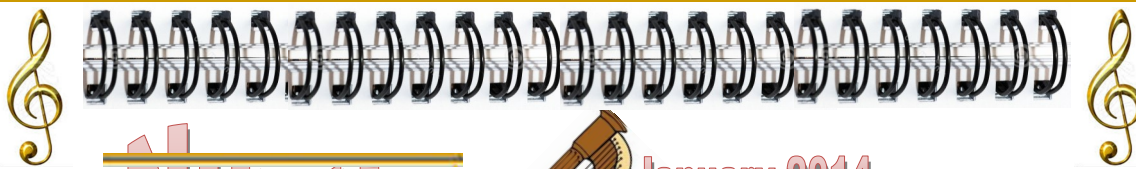


## Nominaciones / Confirmaciones

MATA PÉREZ Oscar	20/12/2013	Visitor Costa Rica
SCHOEPFER Bernard	16/01/2014	Director General DC
DE LEÓN HERNÁNDEZ Ismar Conrado	22/01/2014	Director DC América Central

## Ordinaciones

DE LEÓN DURÁN Ángel Eduardo	Sac	AmC	30/11/2013
MANEHOUA Vincent	Sac	Aul	30/11/2013
OVIEDO Héctor Omar	Sac	Arg	30/11/2013
RÍOS MARTÍNEZ Roberto	Sac	Arg	30/11/2013
BOI HRAI Angelus	Sac	InS	17/12/2013
SINGH Subir Kumar (Jesudas)	Sac	InS	30/12/2013
SURESH PRABAN Siluvayya	Sac	InM	02/01/2014
SARIHADDU John Sunil (Lakshmi Srinivasa Rao)	Sac	InM	04/01/2014
ARPUTHARAJ Xavier (Peter Arputha Raj)	Sac	InM	05/01/2014
FERNANDEZ Jarvicks	Sac	InM	07/01/2014
PUTHANKUDY Anish	Sac	InM	11/01/2014
PALLIKKAMALIL Jobin	Sac	InM	13/01/2014
JESURAJ Arockia Dos	Sac	InM	15/01/2014
RAYAPPAN Benjamin	Sac	InM	17/01/2014
ANDREWS Francis	Sac	InM	18/01/2014
PRAKASH Francis (Dominic Rosario)	Sac	InM	18/01/2014
KERKETTA Subal	Sac	InS	21/01/2014
ABREGO BONILLA Norberto	Sac	AmC	25/01/2014



### Necrologium

Nomen	Cond	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
GRAHAM Walter F.	Sac	26/11/2013	Orl	91	71
MCKENNA John H.	Sac	03/12/2013	Orl	77	57
LEÓN RENEDO Martiniano	Sac	04/12/2013	Mat	84	68
VÁSQUEZ PAZMIÑO Segundo Gonzalo	Sac	04/12/2013	Aeq	86	66
ESLAVA IBERO Alfredo	Sac	06/12/2013	Cae	76	59
BOBAK Antoni	Sac	08/12/2013	Pol	63	45
SINGH Bimol Joseph	Sac	20/12/2013	InS	57	35
GOFF William P.	Sac	29/12/2013	Orl	79	53
BONFIM DA CONCEIÇÃO Manoel	Sac	31/12/2013	Flu	46	19
BERSET Victor Germain	Sac	30/01/2014	Ids	93	74



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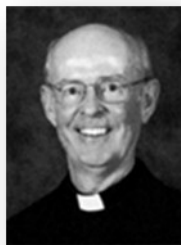
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*Requiescat in pace*