

# The Voice of the Central

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January 2007

## Visit to Ecuador and Chile

I shall be visiting Ecuador and Chile, from January 9 to 23. On January 20 I shall have the opportunity of attending the priestly ordination of Marcos Alejandro Guerra Romero. Marcos' parents, too, are members of the Institute. In Chile we also have 3 major seminarians on the way to the priesthood.

## Symposium on the 60th Anniversary of Provida Mater Ecclesia

A symposium shall be held in Rome from February 3 to 5 on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Provida Mater Ecclesia*. The World Conference of Secular Institutes executive – of which I am a member – will take this opportunity to hold its annual meeting. The World Conference is composed of the directors of all secular institutes, and it will hold its quadrennial (every fourth year) congress in Mexico in November, 2008, and it shall study the most interesting ideas coming from the Symposium.

## Celebret

I sent to all the district and regional directors the CELEBRETs for our priests incardinated in the Institute. I want to explain to our lay people that the celebrare is a small card identifying its bearer as a priest. Though not often needed as proof of priestly identity, some priests have mentioned that they have had to show theirs, at one time or another.

## The Present Moment, 2007

The 2007 edition of *The Present Moment* has already been sent to all the directors for distribution to their membership. Each member or couple should get a copy. I want to thank councillors Raymonde Jetté and Fernand Turgeon for being instrumental in putting out the journal. It is labour-intensive work over a whole year, that is involved. THANK YOU!

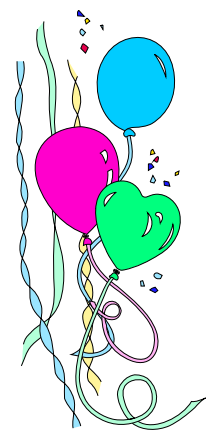
## Committee on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute

A committee has been formed to oversee preparations for celebrating our Institute's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It is composed of Leo Grégoire, Pierre Marois, Gaétan Nelson, Juliette Roy-Veer, and Guy Veer. The committee will not be involved in organising local celebrations, but will invite the districts and regions to do so. The committee's mandate can be summarised in three important words: INVITE people to celebrate, SUGGEST resources and COLLECT what we have in order to prepare the 2009 issue of *The Present Moment*, to make it a souvenir album. In September, 2006, I met André Côté, director of the Canadian district. We agreed together that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee which is composed of members of the Canadian district for better coordination, is not responsible for celebrations in the Canadian district.

### Happy Birthday...

To **George Hazler**, January 22. George is director of the United States district-information. He is also president of the United States Conference of Secular Institutes, and as director he shall be attending the Rome Symposium, in February.

To **Michael Craig**, January 26. Michael has been a councillor general of the Institute since 1998. He has put a lot of energy in the Ethiopian foundation and has recently met with interested persons in Uganda.



### New Year's Greetings

I join Father Parent in his New Year message:

*Dear Voluntas Dei,*

*On the occasion of the year coming to a close I would like to see us all on our knees at the feet of Jesus and Mary his mother whom he shares with us.*

*We have had the pleasure of serving God who treats us in a deeply intimate way. Every action has contributed in building ourselves a little place under the sky, in his presence. Let us continue on generously, being attentive to his concern for us... The best is yet to come, when we shall see him better than we do now, in our prayers and actions. We are hastening towards this happy moment which he himself years for more than we do. This desire is for the everlasting happiness he has reserved for us. Jesus is in us, let us listen, happiness is at the end of our love.*

*To love is to forgive, it is to be present, to marvel at oneself; it is to be aware that Jesus finds joy in our affection.*

*May the Virgin, always seen as an affectionate mother, direct our lives; may she be the administrator of our capacity for loving. Days pass: let us employ them to thank God and to*

*become aware that Mary directs our destinies. And every day, I thank her for her role as mother to each and everyone of us.*

*I bless you all. Together let us intensify our joy in loving.*

*Louis-Marie Parent, o.m.i.*

*Richelieu, Québec - November 26, 2006*

## **A reminder**

Have you thought of reproducing this letter to distribute to those in your team who do not have the Internet?

**François Hamel**  
**Director General**

# The Voice of the Central

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February 2007

## STATISTICS

As usual, the Vatican Bureau of Statistics requires that we send them data regarding the Institute. As of December 31, the Institute comprised 882 members, compared to 834 last year. This is a growth of 5,8 %.

Bishop:	01
Priests incardinated in the Institute:	110
Priests incardinated in dioceses:	39
Deacons incardinated in the Institute:	04
Deacons incardinated in dioceses:	05
Celibate laymen:	49
Major seminarians:	99
Married persons:	575

The countries represented are:

Cameroon	02	Guadeloupe :	03
Canada :	158	Haiti :	55
Chile :	37	India :	203
Colombia :	18	Italy :	02
Congo :	08	Laos :	01
Cuba :	04	Mexico :	01
Ecuador :	04	Dominican Rep. :	226
Scotland :	01	Sri Lanka :	96
United States :	47	Venezuela :	03
Ethiopia :	13		

## WEB PAGE

In the January 2007 edition of the journal *The Present Moment* we mentioned that the reports of the director general or his delegates will appear on the Institute's web page. Please note that the reports are made for the intention of the members of the central council. Therefore, the more personal elements in the reports have been taken out. However, there is still sufficient information to keep you informed on the life of the Institute in other countries. It may be that the web page is not yet updated, but it is coming...

The Institute's web page can be reached at

<http://www.voluntasdei.org/>

To find the reports and the member directory, you must access the page reserved for the members:

the user name is: ivdei2005en  
the password is: Imparent5553

## **CENTRAL COUNCIL**

The dates of the 2007 central council meetings are:

April 20-22  
July 26-29  
November 2-4

I request the regional and district directors to forward at least one month in advance any question or item they wish to be placed on the meeting agenda. The councillors need time to study the documents before the meeting.

*François Hamel*  
*Director General*

# The Voice of the Central

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March 2007

## **The Annunciation**

The Annunciation is the patronal feast of the Institute. This feast reminds us that God walks with us along the human highway, and to each one of us He offers His salvation. He awaits our answer. By choosing the Annunciation for the Institute's special feast, Marie is shown to us as our role model. She answers YES to something that had never happened before: "I am the handmaid of the lord. Let it be done to me according to his will" (Lk. 1:38). She accepts to do the will of the Father, despite her fear and concerns.

We joined a secular institute whose name is a constant reminder of the Will of God. How could we not – like Mary – accept whatever God expects of our lives?

Happy Feast of the Annunciation!

## **Father Parent**

I visited Father Parent on February 16. He was in good shape. He told me once again that he lives in the present moment. The past is too far back for him to remember, and the future is heaven, and this he leaves to God to decide. He asked for news of the members, and he is pleased when I share with him reports of my visits.

*François Hamel*  
*Director General*

# The Voice of the Central

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April 2007

## Visit to Chile and Ecuador

In January I visited the confreres in Ecuador: a Canadian priest – Michel Charbonneau – works at the orphanage founded by Maurice Roy who died in 1998. There is a seminarian – Vicente Morrocho; two Haitian priests work in the diocese of Santo Domingo de los Colorados. And there is a diocesan seminarian at Guayaquil who is now ordained and wants to officially join the Institute.

I continued on to Chile where I attended the priestly ordination of Marcos Guerra. His parents Oscar and Carmen are associate members of the Institute. The Chile Region is growing: three priests, three seminarians, two celibate laymen, and fifteen couples. I returned to Canada quite enthused by what I experienced in Chile with the members there.

The director general's visitation report shall be posted on the Institute's website (<http://www.voluntasdei.org/>) in the section reserved to the membership, after the central council has read them and our web master has had time to post it.

## Meeting of the Central Council

The central council will be meeting April 20-22, and July 26-29. I ask all the directors to forward anything to be dealt with by the council at least one month in advance, to allow the counsellors to study the questions submitted to the agenda.

## Priestly Ordination

*John Paul Vinod* of the India Region will be ordained to the priesthood on April 15, by Archbishop Peter Fernando of Madurai.

On April 19 *Anthony Shabin Kaniampuram* of the India Region will be ordained to the priesthood by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Karikkassery of Verapoly.

## District Assembly

The Haiti District will be holding its district assembly April 24 to 27. I invite you to be united with the members who shall be meeting together in prayer. We all know that the social and political climate in Haiti is not easy. The present moment is lived daily as a challenge to spread love among brothers and sisters and to be peacemakers, in this way.

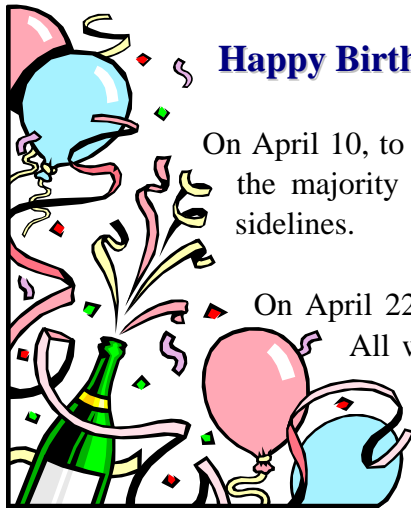
## A Call to Everyone

This call is being made to all the members throughout the Institute. The editors of our journal, *The Present Moment* (Raymonde Jetté and Fernand Turgeon) seek your collaboration in preparing a souvenir album of testimonies and anecdotes, for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Institute.

Your stories can cover the entire lifetime of the Institute, that is, from 1958 to 2007. These texts (or excerpts) could be published in the 2008 and 2009 editions of *The Present Moment*.

Please send your material before July 1, 2007, to the following email address: [fernandturgeon@hotmail.com](mailto:fernandturgeon@hotmail.com) or to the following address:

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Québec, QC  
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### Happy Birthday...

On April 10, to **Leo Grégoire**, secretary general of the Institute and translator of the majority of documents in English. THANK YOU, for his work in the sidelines.

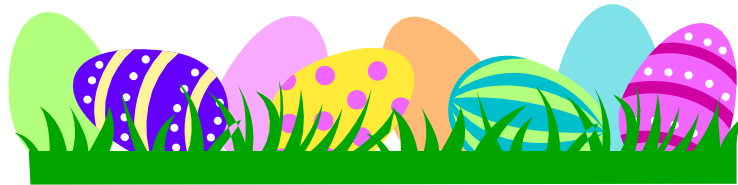
On April 22, to **Sylvie Ferland**, the central house's cook and housekeeper. All who come to the central house know her for her discretion, and she is well appreciated.

On April 26, to **André Côté**, director of the Canadian District.



## **Happy Easter**

A Happy Easter to all the members of the Institute. Two thousand years ago Mary of Magdala wept at the entrance to the tomb. When Jesus addresses her by her name she recognises HIM, and she runs off to announce, "I have seen the Lord!" (Jn. 20:11-18) We are all invited to imitate her. Let us recognise Jesus' call to us, and not hesitate to proclaim in our turn that HE lives!



**François Hamel**  
**Director general**

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May 2007

## Canadian District Assembly

The Canadian District will be holding its District Assembly May 18-21, 2007. The Assembly theme is *Living the Reality of the Present Moment... in Hope*. I invite all the Voluntas to join the Canadians in prayer, that the Father send His Spirit of truth, listening, sharing, and daring upon the Assembly delegates.

## Secretary General and Director of Administrative Services

Article 181 of our Constitutions stipulates that “The Secretary General is chosen by the Director General and his council from among the professed members who may or may not be members of the council. The Director of Administrative Services is chosen by the Director General and his council from among the professed members or committed members of the Institute who may or may not be members of the council.” Article 182 states that they are appointed to a three-year term... renewable.

Leo Grégoire has accepted to continue on as secretary general. Since 1998 he has filled this position with professionalism. Leo is also secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Bishops' Conference (the four eastern Canadian provinces).

Rénald Tremblay accepted in 2006 to complete the mandate of Paul-Alain Monpas, and has accepted a first three-year mandate. Réndal is the husband of Louise Simard, and is a retired federal government employee. It was in 1999 that the Congregation for institutes of consecrated life accepted a modification proposed by our 1998 assembly general, that the director of administrative services be a committed associate member. Their mandate takes effect August 1 of this year and ends August 1, 2010.

## Ordination

On April 12, in India, **Andrew Francis** was ordained a priest by Archbishop Soosa Pakiam, of Thiruvananthapuram, India.

On April 28, at Colombo in Sri Lanka, **Ollatupurath Thomman Kutty Thomson** was ordained to the priesthood by our Voluntas confrere from Laos, Bishop Louis Ling Mangkhanekhoun.

## Ordination Anniversary

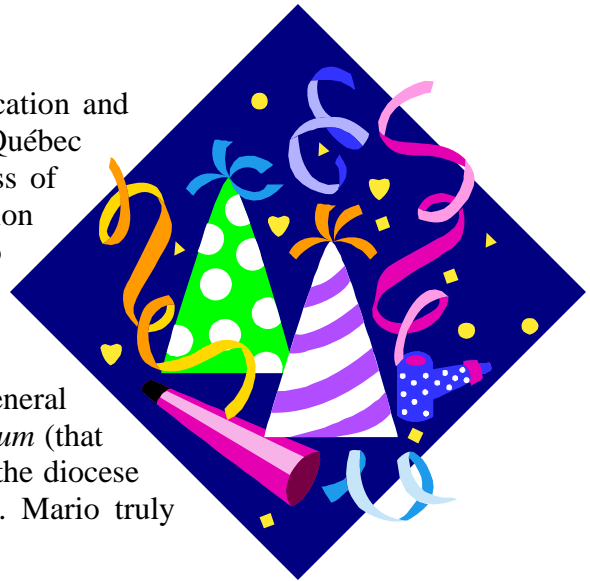
Father Louis-Marie Parent was ordained an Oblate priest May 23, 1937, that is, 70 years of fidelity in service the Lord... He is a witness to be imitated, our role model! Please keep him in your prayers, offer the Eucharist on his behalf: this would be an excellent birthday gift.

## Happy Birthday...

May 17, to **Jacques Harvey** who works in the Vocation and Mission Office. Jacques has been trekking across Québec Province since 2004, in order to raise the awareness of Christians in our country to the missionary dimension of our faith. This is a good opportunity for him to help the Canadian District members make the Institute better known in their milieu.

May 18, to **Mario Laroche** who was our director general from 1980 to 1992. Mario is now moderator *in solidum* (that is, working with a team of priests) of 8 parishes in the diocese of Amos; their furthest parish is a two-hour drive. Mario truly remains a living model of “being of service.”

May 27, to Mrs. **Claire Lafrenière**, the central administration’s accounting technician. She is the right hand of Régnald Tremblay, our director of administrative services. Claire is very painstaking in her work and is always willing to help Régnald and the district and regional directors, in their administrative tasks.



**François Hamel**  
**Director General**

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June 2007

## Visit of the Director general

On May 3, 4, and 5 I visited the members of the Canadian District's Outaouais Sector. There is a beautiful fellowship between the married couples, single laymen, and priests.

## Haiti District Council

The Haiti District Assembly has elected the following to a four-year mandate:

Director:	Philippe Désiré
Assistant Director:	Salomon Jérôme
Councillors:	Evens Monestime
	Horace Didi
	Bernard Némorin

## Canada District Council

The Canadian District Assembly has elected the following to a four-year term:

Director :	André Côté
Assistant Director :	Robert Lebel
Councillors :	Michel Laroche
	Gérald Michaud
	Jacques Théberge
	Marcelle Lebrun-Perrier
	Jean Lebrun

To all of you of the Haiti and the Canadian Districts who have accepted your election "as an opportunity offered to devote (your)selves to the good of the Church and the Institute" (Const., 157). You are assured of my collaboration and that of the central council.

## Formation Guide

The third formation guide, *Guide for the Professed and Committed Members* had been accepted by the central council in 2005. The translations are finished, and during May the district and regional directors will get a “hard “ copy and a DVD with the three formation guides. The trilogy of guides for initial formation is now complete. I want to that the director of formation, Laurier Albert, for having brought to term the professed and committed members’ guide. A special thank you is owed Cécile Davidson-Corneau who was the mainspring of the project: She gave it much time, and expended much energy in this.

## The Present Moment

This call is addressed to all IVD members throughout the world: Raymonde Jetté and Fernand Turgeon, the editors of our journal *The Present Moment*, ask your collaboration in preparing a “book of memories and stories” on the life of the Institute, these first fifty years.

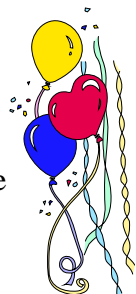
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## Happy Birthday...

To *René Désilets*, on June 6. He was director general of the Institute from 1970 to 1980. He is a member of the Canadian District and ministers at this time in the Dominican Republic.



## Thanks ...

A heartfelt Thank You to everyone on the Institute for the support shown me and my family at the time of my mother’s death. To lose one’s mother is to lose a “big chunk” of one’s life. A mother is the point of departure, in one’s life; and it is a focal point, too.

*François Hamel*  
*Director General*

# The Voice of the Central

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July 2007

## **Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations for the Institute**

The Institute will be celebrating its 49<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 2. Consider celebrating its golden anniversary. A committee has been set up by the central council (Guy Veer, Pierre Marois, Leo Grégoire, and Gaétan Nelson) to prepare a programme and resources for district and regional directors. It seems to us more appropriate that celebrations be done locally.

## **Director General's Visit**

In June I visited the members of the Abitibi (Québec) Sector and the Anglophone Sector (Toronto) of eastern Canada. In May I had visited the Outaouais Sector (Ottawa). The members are dynamic and enthusiastic.

## **District Assembly: Dominican Republic**

The Dominican Republic will hold its district assembly July 24 to 27. The theme chosen is: *Secular Spirituality and Ecclesial Communion*. The assembly shall be followed by the district congress, July 27-29. Let us pray the Holy Spirit to guide the assembly deliberations in an atmosphere of truth and freedom.

## **Central Council**

The central council will hold its plenary meeting July 26 to 29. The confreres James Dunstan Selvaratnam of Sri Lanka and Manuel Cornejo Garate of Chile will be with us for the meeting. They are a sign of the Institute's universality and spirituality.

## **Happy Birthday to...**

**Manuel Cornejo Garate**, July 4. Manuel is the director of the Chile Region and has been a member of the central council since 2004.

**Fr. Louis-Marie Parent, O.M.I.**, who turns 97 on July 12. I visited him at the end of May, at the time of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. He is well, and he can still tease others.



***Rénald Tremblay***, July 20. Rénald is director of administrative services for the central administration.

***Marie Meunier***, July 23. Marie is well-known to all those who call or who have come to the central house. Her friendliness and attention to others do her honour.

***Philippe Désiré***, July 23. Philippe has just recently been elected the Haiti district director. He has accepted the challenge of the position as an opportunity to serve.

***James Dunstan Selvaratnam***, July 25. Dunstan is director of the Sri Lanka Region, and a member of the central council

***François Hamel***  
***Director General***

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August 2007

## **District Council : Dominican Republic**

Altigracia District of the Dominican Republic have elected the following to a four-year term :

Director :	Ramon Antonio Araujo Rodriguez
Councillors :	Jacobo Payano Santana
	Vicente Sanchez Burgos
	Pablo Daniel Zorrilla Ramirez
	Ramon Aridio Cueto Meja
	Margarita Maria Capellan Camacho

To you who have accepted their election « as opportunity offered them to devote themselves to the good of the Church and the Institute » (Constitutions, 157), I assure you of my collaboration and that of the central council.

## **Father Parent**

I visited Father Parent on July 12, for his birthday. In answer to how he felt, at 97, he answered : « I feel called to go further... like a ripe fruit ready to fall. » I hold dearly his wisdom and especially his confidence in living the present moment.

## **Deaths**

Your prayers are requested for Ruth Prangle, wife of William McLellan, who passed away in June. She was an associate member of the United States District in Formation.

Your prayers are also requested for LeRoy Brown who passed away in June, also. He was the husband of Frances, and a member of the Institute. LeRoy was a member of the United States District in Formation.



## **Happy Birthday to...**

***Yvon Carpentier***, August 5 : Yvon was director general from 1992 to 1998, and is now moderator of Sainte-Catherine Parish in Trois-Rivières. He lives at the central house.

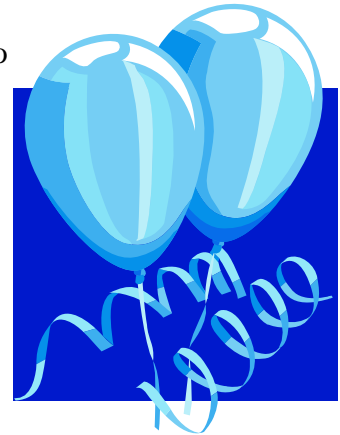
***Fernand Turgeon***, August 6 : Fernand is a member of the central council.

***Raymonde Jetté Turgeon***, August 9 : Raymonde is a member of the central council.

Fernand and Raymonde are in charge of the members' incorporation portfolio, and are also co-editors of *The Present moment*.

I ask you to pray for me, on August 26, when I celebrate my birthday.

***François Hamel***  
***Director General***



# The Voice of the Central

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September 2007

## Magnum Gaudium

I recently received a letter from the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Apostolic life and Societies of Apostolic life, His Eminence Cardinal Franc Rodé, giving the director general a permanent indult to write dimissorial letters. Since the time our Constitutions were approved, in 1987, and the granting of pontifical right status, this issue had been pending. In 1998, the assembly general had voted in favour of making a request... which was done in 1999. We have now received a positive answer.

For members of the Institute, a dimissorial letter is a letter which the bishop or superior general of a community write to “call” a seminarian to ordination. It is a kind of election. Until now the director general of the Institute had to send the seminarian’s complete file to Rome which issued an indult “ad casum,” that is, authorising the director general to write a dimissorial letter on a “per case” basis.

## Visit of the Director General

During August I visited the members in New Brunswick, Canada, and a few members from Eastern Québec. During the visit I was accompanied by central councillor James Dunstan Selvaratnam.

## New Address

The headquarters of the Canadian District has changed address, effective September 1, 2007. Here is the new address:

2055, rue Nadeau  
Secteur Pontbriand, Thetford Mines, QC  
G6H 3K4

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FAX: (418) 338-0863  
Email: [ivd.dc@sympatico.ca](mailto:ivd.dc@sympatico.ca)

## **Happy Birthday**

September 1<sup>st</sup>, to *Joseph Thannikkot Variath*, director of the India Region,  
September 1.

September 9, to *Ramon Antonio Araujo Tejada*, newly-elected director of  
the Altagracia District in the Dominican Republic. Ramon was district  
director from 1990 to 2003. His previous experience will no doubt be an  
asset to the district.



*François Hamel*  
*Director General*

# Central Council Newsletter

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October 2007

## Father Parent

On September 8 the Oblate Fathers in Richelieu (Québec), where Father Parent resides, celebrated the residents' jubilees. Father Parent celebrated 75 years of consecrated life and 70 years as a priest. Ms. Claire Nantel, O.M.M.I., president and director general of the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, and I were invited to the celebration. We found Father Parent to be very alert and in good physical condition. He has not lost his sense of humour. In the programme handed out to the guests, the Oblate Fathers noted the foundations credited to Fr. Parent: the Missionary Recluses, the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, and the Voluntas Dei Institute.

## Seminarians

At the July meeting of the central council the following statistics were given regarding the number of seminarians in the Institute: 87, distributed as follows:

Canada	01
Chile	04
Colombia	02
Dominican Republic	14
Haiti	12
India	47
Laos	01 (studying in Sri Lanka)
Sri Lanka	06

## New Address

The United States district-in-formation has a new address:

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[director@voluntasdeiusa.org](mailto:director@voluntasdeiusa.org)

## **Death**

Your prayers are requested for Father Celestin C. Pierre of the Haiti District, who passed away September 23 at the age of 45. He was ordained a priest February 27, 2000.

Cf. Article 98 of our Constitutions: "At the death of a member of the Institute, care is taken to advise the other members. Each member is committed to praying for the deceased member and to celebrate or join in the celebration of the Eucharist."

***François Hamel***  
***Director General***

# Central Council Newsletter

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November 2007

I visited Ecuador in early October. A priest confrere of ours, Maurice Roy, died there in 1997, and his remains were exhumed from their place of rest. Maurice had founded a religious community of women in Guayaquil, and the sisters wished to have his remains at the mother-house. With civil and ecclesiastical permissions, the remains were transferred. This gives us an opportunity to pray for Maurice.

## Central Council

The central council of the Institute will be holding its fall meeting on November 2, 3, and 4. Please pray the Holy Spirit to give us discernment and judgement, in the decisions to be taken for the good of the Institute and of each one of us.

## Deaths in the Last Year

November is the “month of the dead,” so it is right for us to have special thoughts for those who have gone before us to their eternal home. I invite you to pray for our members who died during the year.

November 1, 2006: Ruth Prangle, wife of William McLellan, with commitments in the United States.

December 17, 2006: Ismenia Sosa, wife of Ramiro Garcia, with commitments in the Dominican Republic.

June 25, 2007: Leroy Brown, husband of Frances Sole, with commitments in the United States.

September 23, 2007: Célestin Carries Pierre, priest with stability in Haiti.

Our Constitutions state: “Once a month, each member offers his day for the Institute’s deceased members and benefactors” (Art. 99).

## **New Address of the Canadian District**

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*François Hamel*  
*Director General*

# Central Council Newsletter

Volume 6 ♦ Number 12

December 2007

## Ordination

Saint Augustine wrote: *“God created me without me. He makes himself present on the altar through me.”*

I ask your prayers for two candidates to the priesthood who are to be ordained in December:

On December 7, **Gilbert Doddatto** of the Canadian District will be ordained by Bishop François Thibodeau, C.J.M., Bishop of Edmundston, N.B.

On December 27, **Pierre Maxis Paul** of the Haiti District will be ordained by Archbishop Serge Miot of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

## Death

Father George P. Perera died November 4, at the age of 73. A native of Sri Lanka, he had transferred to the United States District in Formation in 1985. George had a reputation for being artistic and published a book of poems. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

## Secretary

The Institute’s central administration has hired a new secretary, Mrs. Anne Penelle, to replace Mrs. Marie Meunier who will be leaving us in early February, 2008. A sincere thank you to Marie for her involvement, and a warm welcome to Anne.

## Happy Birthday

December 15: to **Paul-Alain Monpas** who is a member of the central council.

December 25: to **Alonso de Jesus Posada Echeverry**, director of the Colombia Region.

December 28: to **Jean-Paul Chiasson**, member of the central council and assistant director general.



*François Hamel*  
*Director General*