

# The Voice of the Central

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## **Celebret**

In mid-December I sent the CELEBRET 2009 to the district and regional directors. This small identification card for priests means that they can celebrate anywhere in the world; hence the Latin word CELEBRET. Though not often utilised, it is sometimes asked for in some countries.

## **WORLD CONFERENCE OF SECULAR INSTITUTES (WCSI)**

At the end of November I attended the World Conference of Secular Institutes, in Guadalajara, Mexico, a meeting of all the directors of secular institutes throughout the world. It was also the occasion to elect the new executive. I served on the executive for two terms, 2000-2004 and 2004-2008. Ms. Claire Nantel, president/director general of the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (O.M.M.I.) was elected to the board. Congratulations to our sister.

## **Visitation of Members**

In early January I shall be going to Cuba, and at the end of the month and all of February, I shall be in Asia for visitation of our houses in India, Sri Lanka, and Laos. This shall give me the opportunity to raise the India region as a district in formation.

## **Preparation for the 2010 Assembly General**

The preparatory committee on the contents of the 2010 Assembly General has launched a consultation of the members by way of questionnaires sent to all district and regional directors. ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE are urged to make their voices heard. We press you **to share what you live** as well as your ideas, in order to help our Institute grow. As usual, all the work will doubtless reflect a sense of reality and a positive spirit, given that one of the basic values of our spirituality is to be positive. This is therefore an opportunity to pool together what each one wishes for the Institute, for the years 2010-2016.

## 2010 Assembly General

According to Article 138 of the Constitutions, the ex officio members of the 2010 Assembly General are the following:

The Director General:	François Hamel
The General Counsellors:	Jean-Paul Chiasson, Assistant Director General
	Leo Grégoire, Secretary General
	Manuel Cornejo Garate
	Michael Craig
	James Dunstan Selvaratnam
	Raymonde Jetté Turgeon
	Andrew Sioleti
	Fernand Turgeon

The directors of officially-erected districts:

Canada:	André Côté
Dominican Republic:	Ramón Antonio Araujo Tejada
Haiti:	Philippe Désiré

The directors of districts in formation:

India:	To be announced
Sri Lanka:	To be announced
United States:	George Hazler

The director who convened the last Assembly General: François Hamel

There are therefore 15 ex officio members. This means that according to paragraph 3 of Article 138, there must also be 15 elected professed: “Regarding the number of Associate Member delegates, it shall be one third that of the professed delegates,” therefore, 5 associate members and 15 professed. However, we know that the number will legally be greater because we have to proceed according to the proportion of members in a district. We shall therefore be more than 35 at the Assembly general. I shall publish the Institute’s statistics of December 31, 2008 in the February edition of the *Central Council Newsletter*, along with the proportionate number per delegation.

## Officers of the 2010 Assembly General

Proposed President:	Fr. Mario Laroche
Interpreters: Spanish	Ms. Rose Mathieu
	Fr. Pierre Marois
English	Ms. Monique Piché
Liturgy Director:	Fr. Andrew Sioleti

We are looking for two secretaries for the Assembly. If anyone is interested, please let me know as soon as possible. The secretary of the central administration – Ms. Anne Penelle – will act as typist to the secretariate.

## **Happy Birthday**

January 22, to George F. Hazler, director of the United States district in formation.  
January 26, to Michael Craig, member of the central council since 1998.

## **Best Wishes for 2009**

I take this opportunity given by this first electronic issue to offer you my best wishes for the New Year 2009. We must welcome it as a gift from the Father. It is given to us to “create peace and brotherhood in Jesus Christ.”

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

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## Institute Statistics

Each year as usual, I must submit statistics to the Vatican Bureau of Statistics. As of December 31, there were 864 members in the Voluntas Dei Secular Institute. This is an increase of 23 members or 2.7% from last year, and is distributed as follows:

District/Region	Priests	Deacons	Laymen	Seminarians	Associates	Total
Central	07		17	03	06	33
Canada	52	03	14		89	158
Chile	03		03	06	29	41
Colombia	02		07	03	15	27
Dominican R.	12	01	02	16	215	246
Haiti	30		01	10	13	54
India	20		01	34	85	140
Sri Lanka	09		03	10	72	94
United States	31		08		32	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>864</b>

If you notice that the number of associate members does not always equal a pair, this is because upon the death of one of the spouses, the other member of the couple maintains his / her rights and privileges (Constitutions, Art. 108, 3).

Those listed with the “Central” are the Director general, the members in Cuba (5), Laos (2), Ethiopia (13), Uganda (6), Ecuador (4), Italy (1), and Scotland (1).

## Delegates to the 2010 Assembly General

As I mentioned last month, the assembly general is composed of 15 ex officio members; this means that the 15 delegates must be elected according to the percentage of members per district or region.

## **V.M.O. Director**

Mrs. Fabiola Harvey passed away on January 14. She was the mother of Father Jacques Harvey, the V.M.O. director. Father works at raising funds to help young people in those poorer countries where the Institute is. I invite the seminarians and other members to pray for the repose of Jacques' mother, and the priests to celebrate mass for her.

## **Death**

Your prayers are requested for Father Augustine KATTADY of the United States District, who passed away January 24 at the age of 74. He was ordained a priest June 13, 1971.

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."

## **Visitation of Members**

When you read this Newsletter I shall be in Asia for the visitation of our members in India, Sri Lanka, and Laos. I shall be attending one ordination in Sri Lanka and four in India.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central

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March 2009

## 2010 Assembly General

You have received, in the February issue of the newsletter, the statistics of the Institute. Here, now, is the distribution of delegates for the next assembly general. Your district or regional director will look after the implementation.

In the Institute there are 308 professed members and 556 associate members, and we must go by percentage.

Breakdown of professed members:

Central	27	8.7 %	1.0 = 1
Canada	69	22.4 %	3.3 = 3
Chile	12	3.8 %	0.5 = 1
Colombia	12	3.9 %	0.5 = 1
Dominican Republic	31	10.1 %	1.5 = 2
Haiti	41	13.3 %	1.9 = 2
India	55	17.8 %	2.6 = 3
Sri Lanka	22	7.1 %	1.0 = 1
United States	39	12.6 %	1.8 = 2
Total	308	99.7 %	16 professed

Interpreting the chart: Canada has 69 professed members: This represents 22.4% of the total number of professed members in the Institute. We must elect 15 professed delegates: Canada has therefore the right of electing 22.4% of professed delegates, which is 3.3 members, therefore 3 members. And so on.

The members falling under CENTRAL are those whose numbers do not justify the creation of a region, or because the political situation of the country does not allow it: Cuba, Ecuador, Ethiopia, and Laos. Their members maintain their right of electing, and elections will be held among them.

### Breakdown of Associate Members:

Central	06	1.0 %	0.0 = 0
Canada	89	16.0 %	0.8 = 1
Chile	29	5.2 %	0.2 = 0
Colombia	15	2.7 %	0.1 = 0
Dominican Republic	215	38.6 %	1.9 = 2
Haiti	13	2.3 %	0.1 = 0
India	85	15.3 %	0.7 = 1
Sri Lanka	72	12.9 %	0.6 = 1
United States	32	5.7 %	0.2 = 0
Total	556	99.7 %	5 Associate Members

Canada has 89 Associate Members, which represents 16% of the total of Associates in the Institute. We must elect 5 delegates. Canada therefore elects 16% of the Associate Member delegates, which means 0.8%, which is rounded out to 1 member. And so on...

I point out that Article 138, paragraph 2 of the Constitutions states: "In each officially erected district or district-in-formation, professed delegates are elected by the professed members, and the associate member delegates are elected by the committed associate members." This principle holds especially for the regions.

A substitute must also be elected for the professed, and one for the associates. This is meant to fill in a delegate vacancy caused by illness, refusal of a Canadian visa, or other valid reason.

### **Patron Feast**

On March 25, feast of the Annunciation, we celebrate the patronal feast of the Institute. It would be good that each district and region celebrate the day. Mary's YES challenges today especially those who belong to an Institute that bears the name VOLUNTAS DEI. This indicates that we must search for the Will of God in our personal lives.

François Hamel  
Director General

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April 2009

## Assembly General

I suppose that in the next few weeks and months the district and regional directors will proceed with electing their delegates to our forthcoming 2010 assembly general. For the election procedure, please refer to Regulation 8.

At the last assembly general, certain specific qualities were mentioned, regarding delegates:

- a professed or committed member (Const., 138.2)
- having a deep attachment to the Institute and the Church
- a lover of the Institute who embodies its spirit and values
- knowledgeable of the aims of an assembly general, and accepting of them
- capacity for adaptation, objectivity, and team work
- capable of “thinking Institute”
- openness and sensitivity to the needs of the world

At the assembly we gather together to work at discerning what the Spirit expects from the Institute. The assembly is not a place for manipulating the conscience of others, nor is it a place for politicking.

## India

On March 1, during my visit to India I took the opportunity to change that region’s status to that of district in formation. A new council was appointed to direct the Institute’s course in India for the next four years.

District Director: Fr. Napoleon Gomez  
Assistant Director: Fr. Mudiyyappan Innasi  
Councillors: Fr. Jony D. Puthenveetil  
Fr. Joseph Sengol  
Mrs. Maria Poorana Jeya  
Mr. Rex Lourduraj

I thank Father Thannikkot and his councillors for having directed the course of the region, these past years.



## **Priestly Ordinations**

While I was in India, five seminarians were ordained to the priesthood for the Institute. The new district in formation now has five extra priests. They are:

**Jones Cletus**  
**Sony Nelluvila**  
**Thekkekalathungal Shymon**  
**Martin Jeremias**  
**Xavier Arockiasamy Ignacimuthu**

A seminarian in Sri Lanka is to be ordained to the priesthood on April 25: he is Fernando Eustus.

Our prayerful best wishes to all of them.

## **Document**

A new document on conjugal spirituality for married members of the Voluntas Dei Institute has been sent to all district and regional directors for the married members of the Institute. This publication is the result of a desire of the 2004 assembly general which stated:

“That the central administration offer a tool of reflection based on the spirituality of the 5-5-5, to nourish family and conjugal spirituality of married persons in the Institute, a tool that would enhance in this way the value of the sacrament of matrimony that was given to our married members.”

We hope that everyone – married or single – find in this document a spiritual support that sheds light on our riches and human possibilities in our respective milieus.

## **Happy Birthday**

April 10, to **Leo Grégoire**, secretary general since 1998

April 14, to **Cécile Davidson Corneau**, archivist of the Institute

April 22, to **Sylvie Ferland**, cook and housekeeper at the central house

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

## **Easter**

In a few days we celebrate the core of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus. May this feast bring to each one a renewal of faith, steadfastness in hope, and renewed zeal in charity. I bless you all.

François Hamel  
Director General

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May 2009

## Visit

I shall be visiting the Dominican Republic's Altagracia District from May 27 to June 3, this year.

## Priestly Ordination

During my visit to the Dominican Republic I shall take part in the ordination of **Wander Vladimir Polanco Sánchez** and **Guillermo Carrasco Soriano**.

At the same ceremony, three seminarians shall be ordained deacons. They are **Raul Santos Peña**, **Juan Fermin Castillo Rosario**, and **Elias Severino Decena**.

I ask you to pray for these young men who are offering their lives for service in the Church and in our secular institute.

## Death

Your prayers are requested for **Father Beauvin MATHIEU** from Ecuador, who passed away April 27 at the age of 61 in Haiti. He was ordained a priest June 22, 1978.

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."

## **Happy Birthday...**

To **Jacques Harvey**, May 17. Jacques is director of the Vocation and Mission Office (V.M.O.) of the central administration.

To **Mario Laroche**, May 18. Mario was director general of the Institute from 1980 to 1992, and is presently a parish priest in the diocese of Amos, Québec.

To **Mrs. Claire Lafrenière**, May 27. Mrs. Lafrenière is an accounting technician of the central administration.

To each and everyone, a Happy Birthday, with the assurance of our support in the work you are doing.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central...

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June 2009

## **Visit to Haiti**

At the time you read this newsletter I am visiting the Dominican Republic, and I shall be visiting Haiti between June 24 and July 1, where I shall be attending the ordinations of Bergson Julien and Iradin Louis.

## **Translation**

A translation of Father Parent's book, *Je t'accueille* ("I Welcome You") has been done in the Tamil language by Anthony Marusiline of Sri Lanka. The book is to be published shortly to serve the members of Sri Lanka and India. Our sisters, the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate, will also be able to use it. A special thank you to Marusiline for bringing this long task to fruition.

## **Central Council**

The Central Council has accepted with regret the resignation of Michael Craig for health reasons. For some time, now, Michael has had knee surgery and it has become painful for him to move about. Michael had been in the council since 1998. He has invested much time and energy to the Ethiopia foundation.

Pierre Marois has accepted to replace Michael on the council. Welcome, Pierre, and thank you for this service.

## **Father Parent**

Father Louis-Marie Parent, O.M.I., the Founder of our Institute once again carried out the Will of God at the age of 98 years and 10 months, by returning to Him. Obedience was the hallmark of his life, and it was in this spirit that he accepted to found the VOLUNTAS DEI Institute.

Father had been in retirement for a number of years, but he always continued to be attuned to God's will. He had been waiting very peacefully for his call to return home to the Lord. Two years ago I had asked him whether he was afraid of death, and he answered that it was the moment of meeting the one he had loved and served his entire lifetime. So, why be afraid? And he added that the Blessed Virgin would also be there to welcome him. It was easy to see in him the Oblate and the Voluntas Dei., two realities that forged his personality.

The funeral, presided by Bishop Martin Veillette, took place at the shrine of Our Lady of the Cape on May 22. Requiescat in pace!

### **Happy Birthday**

June 6: to René Désilets, director general of the Institute from 1970 to 1980. René is presently missionary in the Dominican Republic.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central...

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July 2009

## Central Council

**Pierre Hubert**, an associate of the Institute with stability in the Canadian District, has agreed to serve as secretary for the forthcoming 2010 assembly general. He has experience in this and he is familiar with the procedure for having assisted at more than one assembly. He shall be assisted by **Rénauld Tremblay**, also associate member in the Canadian District.

## Death

**Maurice Cadoret**, priest in the Canadian District, returned to the Father on June 2, 2009, at the age of 91. He was well-known as an intelligent and spiritual person. For a few years he and I were teammates in Montreal as well as here at Trois-Rivières. I ask you to remember him in your prayers. He would often ask about Father Parent... he is now closer to him.

May 2009, 19, **Mrs. Sinforoza Del Carmen Rodriguez Chandia**, Chile, associate member with stability passed away. She was married to Jose Adrian Dominguez Aguilera and was 70 years old.

## Happy Birthday

July 4, to **Manuel Cornejo Gárate**, a member of the central council since 2004. He is also director of the Chile Region.

On July 12, **Father Louis-Marie Parent** would have turned 99. This is a wonderful occasion for us to pray for the one who opened a way to holiness through the spirituality of the 5-5-5. Isn't the greatest gift a spiritual offering, for example, offering Mass to his memory, or praying the rosary...?

July 20, to **Rénauld Tremblay**, director of the Institute's administrative services. He is a conscientious man and very dedicated to helping the missions.

July 23, to **Philippe Désiré**, director of the Haiti District. Philippe works hard at helping the members of his district who all live in dire poverty.

July 25, to **James Dunstan Selvaratnam**, member of the central council since 2004 and director of the Sri Lanka district-in-formation. Dunstan has a lot of energy and is full of initiative for his district.

François Hamel  
Director General



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August 2009

## Central Council

The central council held its meeting July 28 and 29. The next meeting dates are:  
October 30 to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
April 9-11, 2010  
June 3-4, 2010

Stability has been granted to **Robert Wychers** of the Canadian District.

## Vocation and Mission Office

**Pierre Marois** takes over the Vocation and Mission Office on August 1. He replaces Jacques Harvey who had held this position since 2004. Jacques leaves to take up new endeavours in the Canadian District. We welcome Pierre who has served in the Colombia missions for 25 years. He shall henceforth be the editor of the VMO newsletter that is sent out each month to the membership and benefactors in Canada and the United States. He shall also ensure the mission preaching in different parishes, in order to raise money for those of our mission countries where the need is greatest. Pierre will also keep in touch with the benefactors.

## Assembly General

Following is the list of delegates to the 2010 Assembly General:

Canada:	Andrew P. Mayer Marc-André Lafrenière Michel Laroche Jean-Guy Brillon (Associate Member)
Dominican Republic:	Andrés Solano Sosa Dionisio Reyes Berroa Ramón De la Cruz (Associate Member) Ramón Aridio Cueto Mejía (Associate Member)

Haiti: Bernard Némorin  
Pierre-Maxis Paul

India: Innasi Mudiyanappan  
Johny Puthenveetil  
Joseph Sengol  
Rex Lourduraj (Associate Member)

Sri Lanka: Sebastiampillai Anton Mariathas  
Anne Joycy (Associate Member)

United States: John O'Neill  
Julian Gonzalez

There are still two delegates missing: one from Colombia, and one from those members depending on the central council (Laos, Cuba, Ethiopia).

### **Prayer for the 2010 Assembly General**

The central council has also accepted the prayer for the 2010 Assembly General. I urge you to pray it often during the year, whether alone or as a team. I thank John O'Neil, one of our priests in the United States district-in-formation, for composing it. John had also composed the prayer for the 2004 Assembly General. Thank you, John, for giving us the opportunity to join together in praying the Lord to send His Holy Spirit on all the members of the Assembly General.

#### **PRAYER FOR ASSEMBLY GENERAL - 2010**

Gracious and glorious God, Holy Trinity  
Out of the depths of your love  
You have called us to deepen our baptismal union  
Through our vows and commitments of  
obedience, poverty and chastity  
According to the Constitution of the  
Secular Institute, Voluntas Dei.

You have inserted us into the midst  
of everyday life that we may be your heralds.  
In a world that cherishes lack of commitment,  
May we witness to the true liberation of obedience  
and fidelity to the Will of God through our Institute.

In a time when so many seek fulfillment through superficial power, pleasure and possessions, may our lives of poverty and chastity speak of a deeper truth.

By the prayers of Mary Immaculate  
May our Assembly of 2010 inspire us to thrill in the unique vocation and witness that is ours.  
As we explore more deeply the meaning of consecrated secularity  
And the spirituality of the 3 -5's  
May the Holy Spirit guide us to greater freedom  
as the sons and daughters of God.

## **Happy Birthday**

August 5, to **Yvon Carpentier** who was director general from 1992 to 1998. He is now retired from active ministry and resides at the central house. His good spirits are a source of joy to the personnel and residents of the central house.

August 6, to **Fernand Turgeon**, and August 9 to **Raymonde Jetté**, associate members and members of the central council since 2004. They are the editors of the membership list of the Institute and of *The present Moment* that is published at the beginning of each year. Thank you for your availability.

August 26 I ask for your prayers on the occasion of my birthday.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central

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September 2009

## **Assembly General**

The central council has asked Jacky Stinckens, a priest of the Canadian District, to facilitate a reflection period at the beginning of the Assembly General, to mark the start of the assembly proceedings. Jacky has long studied the questions of secularity and secular consecration, and has written books on the subjects.

## **Vocation and Mission Office**

Pierre Marois has just taken up his position as director of the Vocation and Mission Office, and a few changes are already being effected. Beginning this month, ALL members of the Institute who get the *Central Council Newsletter* will also be receiving the VMO newsletter. Members in Canada and the United States have already been receiving it, but now ALL the members will receive it because it is a means of raising the awareness of others to the needs of our confreres throughout the world. Later – perhaps in 2010 – the monthly newsletter will appear in the web page so that all visitors to the site will have access to it. The newsletter will be accessible on extranet, that is, without needing a user name or password.

## **Death**

Your prayers are requested for Mrs. Ponnammah Johnpillai, who died in Sri Lanka on August 10, 2009. She was the wife of Joseph Johnpillai, and was an associate member with stability. She and her husband served the Sri Lanka district in formation as councilors for several years.

## **Happy Birthday**

On September 9, to Ramón A. Araujo Tejada, director of the Dominican Republic District.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central...

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October 2009

## Assembly General

The last of delegates elected are:

**Alonso de Jesus Posada Echeverry**, elected by the professed members of Colombia.  
**Alfredo Sioletic** has been elected by the members dependant on the Central Council.

The members of the 2010 Assembly General are at work preparing the basic document to be sent in January 2010 to the Assembly delegates.

## Happy Birthday

October 29, to **Andrew Sioleti** of the United States district in formation, Andrew has been on the central council since 2008, completing the mandate of Paul-Alain Monpas who had to resign for health reasons. Andrew is in charge of pastoral agent (chaplain) training in hospital ministry, in New York City.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central

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November 2009

## Central Council

The Central Council met on the October 30-31 weekend.

## Assembly General

I once again enclose the prayer for the 2010 Assembly General. I feel that we must all pray with one heart and one mind for the success of the Assembly.

### PRAYER FOR ASSEMBLY GENERAL - 2010

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And the spirituality of the 3 -5's  
May the Holy Spirit guide us to greater freedom  
as the sons and daughters of God.

## Deaths

Since November 1, last year, several members of the Institute have returned to the Father:

**Matilde Acosta**, wife of Salomon Ramirez Acosta, with stability, from the Dominican Republic: she died January 14, 2009, at the age of 63.

**Augustine Kattady**, priest with stability,. United states district in formation: died January 24, 2009, at he age of 74.

**Beauvin Mathieu**, priest with stability, Haiti District, died April 22, 2009, at the age of 67.

**Father Louis-Marie Parent**, O.M.I., our Founder, died on May 17, at the age of 98 years and 10 months. He blazed the trail that all of us are following, to achieve holiness. On July 28 of last year, at the central council meeting, the council members visited the cemetery where Father was laid to rest, and together they prayed for the repose of his soul and for all the members of the Institute.

**Sinforoza Del Carmen Rodriguez Chandia**, wife of Jose Adrian Domingues Aguilera, members with stability, in Chile; died April 19, 2009, at the age of 70.

**Maurice Cadoret**, priest with stability, Canadian District, died June 2, 2009, at the age of 91.

**Ponnamah Johnpillai**, wife of Joseph Johnpillai, with stability, in Sri Lanka; she died August 10, 2009, at the age of 69.

**Rosner Polycarpe**, husband of Rona Polycarpe, from Haiti, died October 10. He and his wife were committed members. He was 56 years of age.

“Christ Jesus our Saviour... has robbed death of its power  
and has brought life and immortality  
into clear light through the Gospel.” (2 Tm. 1:10)

## Happy Birthday

November 20, to Anne Penelle administrative secretary. She does a marvellous job in a very discreet way.

François Hamel  
Director General

# The Voice of the Central

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December 2009

## **Priestly Ordinations**

The following are to be ordained priests on December 5, 2009:

Raúl Santos Peña Peguero  
Juan Fermín Castillo Rosario  
Elías Severino de Seña

in the parish of Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Sabana de la Mar, Dominican Republic, by Bishop Gregori Nicanor, Bishop of Higuey. Deo gracias!

The following are to be ordained priests December 29:

George Majo  
Antony Sony Panakkal  
Joosa Denson

in Thiruvananthapuram, India by Archbishop Calistus Soosapakiam of Thruvananthapuram. Deo gratias!

We thank the Lord for giving the Institute 16 priests, in 2009:

Two priests in Haiti  
Eight priests in India  
Five priests in the Dominican Republic  
One priest in Sri Lanka

I am certain that Father Parent up above, must smile down on this harvest of priestly vocations.

## **Celebret**

I am sending the district and regional directors the CELEBRET to give to these priests incardinated in the Institute. This card serves to identify the bearer that he is a priest when he travels and wants to celebrate the Eucharist.



## 2010 Assembly General

You have already received the list of the *de jure* and elected members to the Assembly General. Now I give you the list of the support personnel and the officers. The latter are presented by the central council but must be approved by the members of the assembly general:

Proposed Assembly President:	Mario Laroche
Proposed Secretary:	Pierre Hubert
Proposed Assistant Secretary:	Rénald Tremblay
Proposed Scrutineers (2 of 3):	Pierre-Maxis Paul Innasi Mudiyanpan Johny Puthenveetil
Interpreters	English: Monique Piché Spanish: Rose Mathieu
In charge of Liturgy:	Andrew Sioleti
Opening conference:	Jacky Stinckens
Support material:	Roger Corneau
Errand person:	Cécile Davidson-Corneau
Computer person:	Anne Penelle

## Death

Mr. Wilbert Désiré, husband of Nadège Désiré died November 3, 2009. He was aspirant in the Haiti District.

## Director General's Visit

From November 3 to 8 I visited the members of the Institute in the United States District in Formation. I attended the council meeting and the fall congress. It was a wonderful opportunity to renew acquaintance with some of the Institute's pioneers as well as with the newcomers. The members are preparing their first district assembly for August 2010.

I shall be visiting the confreres in Cuba December 7 to 14.

## Happy Birthday

To **Roger Corneau**, December 13. Roger is the Institute's webmaster. Despite failing health he continues in this job with the help of Anne Penelle our secretary; she, too, has brought changes to our website. Thank you, Roger, for your availability.

To **Napoleon Gomez**, December 13. Napoleon is the director of the India district in formation.

To **Pierre Marois**, December 23. Pierre accepted to serve the Institute as director of the Institute's Vocation and Mission Office. He took on this new job August 1. His missionary experience in Colombia is certainly a major advantage to him in his new job. Pierre is also a member of the central council: he took over from Michael Craig who had to resign for health problems.

To **Alonso de Jesus Posada**, director of the Colombia Region.

To **Jean-Paul Chiasson**, December 28. He is a member of the central council and the assistant director general of the Institute. Jean-Paul is also a priest-collaborator in New Brunswick, in the diocese of Bathurst. Thank you for all the services you give to the central council.

## Christmas Greetings

More than 2,000 years ago a star guided the Wise Men to the Child in Bethlehem. May every member of the Institute see this star of faith that leads to peace which together we wish for the world and for one another. Merry Christmas!

François Hamel  
Director General