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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This is to bring to your kind attention that Father Pierre Marois has been affected by COVID-19 and has received the heavenly birth in April 2021. I would like to thank God for everything that He has done to Voluntas Dei Institute using Father Pierre as an instrument in several manners. Vocations and Missions office recognizes him and his missions in this month with gratitude.

Although Voluntas Dei was founded in Quebec Canada, Father Parent asked several first members to go for different missions throughout the world in proclaiming the good news through secular consecration in spirit and charism of its foundation. Many said yes to this special call and have contributed a lot in developing the Institute in several countries. We salute all of them who made it possible that we live and witness the Spirituality of 5-5-5 in more than 24 countries in the world.

Pierre Marois was one among them who opted to be a missionary in South America and worked in developing the Voluntas Dei in Colombia, Chile, etc. He was the first director for Voluntas Dei in South America. He worked over twenty years in spreading Gospel and established the Institute. He returned to Canada once the native members took charge of living the secular consecration.

Even after returning to Canada, his spirit was always with mission countries. He served as the Director of Vocations and Missions Office in the Central Administration. He wrote several letters to different benefactors, religious congregations, dioceses, aid organizations and travelled to different parishes to preach for the missions in collecting money, in promoting vocations and forming new priests for Voluntas Dei Institute in the third world countries.

On behalf of all the members of the Institute, the benefactors, and well-wishers, I praise and glorify God and thank his family members and the district of Canada for lending him to the service for the world mission of Voluntas Dei Institute and I invite all of you to pray for the repose of his soul. May God grant him eternal rest in heaven and raise him up on the last day with all the faithful departed by pardoning his sins through his mercy.



Project: Laos

I have received news from Laos recently from Cardinal Louis Marie Ling, I.V.Dei and also from Father Thomas Kandavong, I.V.Dei. They send their Easter wishes to all of you, although little late, express their joy, peace and blessings from the Risen Lord.

In Laos, there is no more confinement for the moment. Everyone can travel all over within the country; buses, vehicles and planes circulate and the commercial centers, the institutions like schools and universities are in function. Only the international borders are still severely closed. Let us pray that people are safe over there with the grace of God during this pandemic.

Cardinal Louis Ling spent his Holy Week and Easter in Luang Prabang. He had to travel from Vientiane. The roads are awfully bad to travel to these areas due to landslides that occur often after rain especially in the mountains. Besides, the churches in Luang Prabang need a lot of constructions in many ways. Being the head of the Catholic Church in Laos, he works extremely hard in building up the local church with the supports of the government and some international help agencies. Let us try our level best to walk with him with whatever support we can bring to him.

Father Thomas is both assisting for the formation of seminarians in the local seminary in Paksé and doing pastoral ministries in different churches at the Vicariate of Paksé. As these areas are mostly the countryside and not fully developed, the evangelizing work takes days to move from one church to the other. Father Thomas is incredibly happy in all his ministries. I invite you to pray and be with the church of Laos during this month of May.

I thank you and pray to Virgin Mary to protects you and as we remember the 12th anniversary of Father Parent's death, I seek for his intercession to stop this pandemic. May God bless us all!

James Dunstan, I.V.Dei
Director General