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HISTORICAL NOTE

THE FOUNDATION IN INDONESIA

At a meeting of the Provincial Council in Divina Providencia Community (Mexico City, D.F.) at the conclusion of a canonical visitation to the Mexican Province by Fra Angel M. Ruiz, the Prior General, and Fra Honorio M. Martin, Vicar General, the possibility of the young Province assuming responsibility for establishing the Servite Order in Indonesia came up.

On September 12, 2004, Fra Angel M. Vargas Gutiérrez, the Mexican Prior Provincial sent an open letter to all the friars of the Mexican Province. He spoke about the figure of Abraham and urged the friars to accept the invitation Fra Ángel M. Ruiz Garnica, the Prior General, extended to the province – the possibility of establishing a Servite presence in Indonesia. Later the Prior General sent a letter (November 5, 2004) to Msgr. Eduardus Sangsun, SVD, the Bishop of the Diocese of Ruteng, Flores Island (Indonesia). The Prior General said he and other friars: Fra Ángel M. Vargas, the Prior Provincial, Fra Ángel M. Camarillo, Fra Piergiorgio M. Mazzoleni and Fra Venanzio M. Ramasso would visit the Bishop in December. The purpose of the visit was to greet and thank the Bishop for allowing congregations of the Servite Family to work in his diocese and to explore the possibility of establishing a community of Servite men in the diocese.

On December 8, 2004 a building built by the Servite Sisters of Naples was blessed and direct contact with Msgr. Sangsun was established. He was completely open to the project and gave all the necessary permissions to establish a male Servite community. In the meantime, the Provincial Council of the Mexican Province had discussed this project and had made a decision to send two friars to Indonesia to observe and analyze the possibility of establishing a community in that country. On March 9, 2005, the first two friars arrived in Bali, Indonesia: Fra David M. Mejia Cisneros and Fra Martin M. Rangel, and went to the city of Ruteng on Flores Island. During those first weeks the friars stayed with the Servite Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows of Naples. They started learning the Indonesian language and meeting possible candidates.

Fra David and Fra Martin met with local families and looked for a house to rent. They wanted a house that would accommodate young men interested in the experience of Servite life. On June 15, 2005, the adventure began: the friars rented a house and received young men who were interested. On September 22, 2005, Fra Alejandro M. Medina († August 29, 2007) joined the two friars. At this point they hoped to acquire land and build their own community.



Like all beginnings there were uncertainties and setbacks and the friars felt the need to better organize formation as new vocations began to arrive. In June 2006 they acquired some land and work on building a new priory began. The priory was ready for occupation by December 20, 2007 and was formally blessed in May 2008. The priory, St. Mary Hamba Tuhan (Servant of the Lord) is on the outskirts of the city about six or seven kilometers from the center. It sits on a little hill called “Golo Bilas.” The General Council canonically opened the community on May 10, 2006 and erected it canonically as a novitiate on June 20, 2009.



There were problems with the young people in formation – especially with regard to their education. The friars began a search for a place where academic formation was possible. On August 15, 2006, Fra Moisés M. Jaramillo and group of young men moved into a rented house in the city of Malang on the island of Java. Gradually their numbers increased; land was bought in the same city and construction began on a new priory in November 2009. This new community was dedicated to our Seven Holy Founders (“Tujuh Bapak Pendiri”). It was blessed on December 8, 2011. The Malang community was erected canonically on November 12, 2012. It is currently a house for professed philosophy and theology students.

It is important to emphasize that our Servite community in Indonesia was very much the result of efforts made by the Servite sisters of various congregations. It was the Servite Sisters of Naples (and especially their Superior General Alfonsina De Matteis) who urged the Servite men to come to Indonesia. The Compassionist Sisters arrived here in the 2000, Jubilee Year (under the leadership of their Superior General, Eleonora). Later the Servants of Mary of Pisa (under the leadership of their Superior General Ubaldesca) came on December 1, 2003. On July 20, 2005, the Servite Sisters of Galeazza (led by their former General Norberta) arrived. And finally, the Servite Sisters of Nocera (under the leadership of their Superior General, Teresa Pastore) arrived on October 18, 2006.

The city of Ruteng is often called “a small Vatican” given the presence of so many religious congregations – both Servite and others. It is especially praiseworthy that there is complete cooperation and collaboration in daily life among the Servite Family members in their efforts to grow humanly and spiritually and to achieve a higher level of Servite charismatic identity.

The Servite Historical Institute

GENERAL OFFICIALS AND SECRETARIATS

CLIOS: CLIOS Plenary Assembly

The President of CLIOS (International Servite Liturgical Commission) Fra Paolo M. Orlandini convoked a Plenary Assembly. It was held in the Consultation Hall (the former library of the Marianum) in Rome (January 23-30, 2019). Besides the President the following Servites were in attendance: Fra Camille M. Jacques (CAN), Fra Silvano M. Maggiani (ANN), Fra Francesco M. Rigobello (VEN), Fra Francesco M. Scorrano (ANN) and Fra Liam M. Tracey (ISL); Sister M. Corina Bressan (SMR) was unable to attend – she had commitments in her province in Brazil. The CLIOS Plenary Assembly:

- continued its final revision of prayers in the *Servite Ritual for Table Blessings According to the Liturgy of the Day and for Particular Circumstances*; Table prayers for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and the first three weeks of Ordinary Time were finalized.



- made a slight revision to the Chapter Ritual, the Rite of Confirming the Procurator of the Order and General Council – and inserted the confirmation of the Vicar General;
- offered suggestions to the President on the contents of the report he would present to the 214th General Chapter (October 7-27, 2019).

PROFESSIONS, ORDINATIONS, ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following friars on their temporary profession on February 2, 2019: **Bhekile Banele M. Dlamini** (ANN), **Charles Muzi M. Chambers** (ANN), **Msimiso Lawrance M. Msibi** (ANN), **Domingos José M. Gravata Chaima** (BRA), **Elson M. Penha Teles** (BRA), **Francisco Renato M. Silva de Suosa M.** (BRA), **Marcos M. Rocha Caldas** (BRA) and **Diego Romulo M. Ayala Meneses** (SMA).

Congratulations to the following friars on their solemn profession: **Joseph M. Ssekaswa** (EAF/VEN), **Frederick M Kalyesubula** (EAF/VEN) [February 16, 2019]; **Rikardus M. Tandak** (IDS/MEX), **Kristoforus M. Ruku** (IDS/MEX), **Stefanus M. Moensaku** (IDS/MEX), **Sepustinus M. Esserey** (IDS/MEX) [February 17, 2019]; **Jean Paul M. Avokandoto** (ANN) and **Davide M. Moscogiuri** (ANN) [February 24, 2019].

Congratulations to the following friars on their ordination to the diaconate: **Ricky M. Sister** (PHI/PRG), **Ryan M. Ipili** (PHI/PRG) [February 16, 2019]; **Joseph M. Ssekaswa** (EAF/VEN) and **Frederick M. Kalyesubula** (EAF/VEN) [February 26, 2019].

Congratulations to the following friars on their ordination to the priesthood **Jose Adonis M. Bongo** (PRG) [January 12, 2019] and **Luís André M. de Lima Correia** (BRA) [February 3, 2019].

UNIFAS

1. CHG: XVI General Chapter

The XVI General Chapter of the Servants of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, of Chioggia elected Sister M. Antonella Zanini, Prioress General; Sister Ada Nelly Velazquez Escobar, General Councilor and Secretary; Sisters M. Onorina Trevisan, M. Umberta Salvadori, M. Rosario Ramos Avalos, Councilors and Sister M. Pierina Pierobon, General Treasurer.

2. RAV: General Chapter

The General Chapter elected Sister Maria Teresa Ricci, Prioress General of the Congregation of the Servants of Mary of Ravenna. The Councilors elected were: Sisters M. Marina Scacchetti, M. Mirella Nardi, M. Simonetta Mantovani and M. Graziella Grazian.

3. COM: Remembering Mother Maria Goglia

On the Day of Remembrance, January 27, 2019, the town of Vitulano commemorated Sister Maria Angela Goglia (1910-1996) the Superior General of the Compassionist Servants of Mary from 1958 to 1970. She was a great and courageous protagonist during a dramatic period in the history of our country.

The commemoration was held at 10 AM on January 26, 2019, in the Santissima Trinità Hall: there was a film on the holocaust – *Il viaggio di Fanny* – and interviews of Vitulano students, Sister Maria Angela's family and the scholar Father Davide Panella.



Sr. Maria Angela Goglia (1910-1996)



On Sunday, January 27, at 11 AM a Mass was celebrated in Santo Spirito Church in the presence of the civil and religious authorities. Afterwards a commemorative plaque was blessed. At 5:30 PM there was a conference in Santissima Trinità Hall: "Sister Maria Angela Goglia: The Courage Not to Remain Indifferent". The Mayor of Vitulano, Raffaele Scarinzi, presided at the conference. Speakers at the conference were: Luigi Pisaniello, the Vitulano School Principal, Don Biagio Corleone, Pastor of St. Menna the Hermit Church, Father Davide Panella, Sister Ermanna Luciano, Mother General of the Compassionist Sisters Servants of Mary, Sister Maria Angela's nephew Mariano and niece Sister Maria Pia, and Doctor Ugo di Nola, the son of one of the Jews Sister Maria Angela saved from capture.



During the Second World War at great risk and personal danger Sister Maria Angela was committed and tireless in her efforts to save people. She was both wise and generous and gave no thought to the religion or background of the people she rescued. She was a sterling example of universal love for one's neighbor. On June 5, 1944, the Civil and Military Command in Rome awarded her the *Croce di Guerra al valor militare sul campo* [War Cross for Military Courage) – an honor awarded to very few women. She was the third of four children (Luigi, Maria Antonia and Guido). Her parents were Mariano Goglia and Teresa Di Maria. She was born on November 25, 1910 and would have been 108 years old last year. In January of this year three Jewish women gave witness and the process was begun to recognize Sister Maria as "Righteous among the Gentiles." On the anniversary the Commune of Vitulano decided to name a street after Sister Maria Angela Goglia. It recalled the declaration from General Roberto Bencivenga that accompanied her award of the *Croce di Guerra al valor militare sul campo*.

4. OSSM-PHI: 25th anniversary of the official recognition of the Secular Order in Cebu

On February 16, 2019 (the vigil of the Feast of our Seven Holy Fathers) the Secular Order Fraternity of Santo Niño de Cebu Parish in Mohon, Talisay City, Cebu, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its official recognition.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the parish church. At the end of Mass there was a homage to Our Lady and the Decree of the Prior General officially recognizing the fraternity was read to the assembly. The decree was issued twenty-five years ago.



On the following day the Fraternity celebrated the Feast of Our Seven Holy Fathers in the Servite Sisters of Pisa convent. Father Ian Openia, OSA, said the Mass. The Fraternity and the sisters invited friends, relatives and acquaintances for the occasion. The Fraternity gave a presentation of the life of the Seven Holy founders to the people of the parish. The parishioners showed much interest them after an image of the Seven Fathers was placed in the church. They are a model of friendship and fraternal life. Long live the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

5. UNIFASI-Rome: The Feast of the Seven Holy Founders

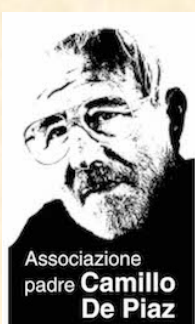


On February 17, 2019 at 3:30 PM we celebrated the feast of the Seven Holy Founders – men who sought God and were disciples of Christ. The celebration was held in the cloistered Servite community at Colle Fanella. Members of all branches of the Servite Family were present: sisters of various Servite Congregations; friars; *Diaconie*; lay people and nuns.

During the liturgy Fra Sergio M. Ziliani, the General Secretary and Councilor of the Servite Order offered a reflection. The Compassionist Servite Sisters organized the singing. Afterwards there was a time for fraternal sharing: there was special food from all the communities. There were also songs and dances produced by those

taking part in the occasion. All of this enriched our shared experience.

6. CAMILLO DE PIAZ ASSOCIATION: Centenary of the birth of Fra Camillo M. De Piaz



Many friends came together on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Basilica of San Carlo al Corso in Milan. His Eminence, Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, presided at a Eucharistic Celebration in memory of two Servite friars: Fra Camillo M. De Piaz and Fra David M. Turoldo. Fra Camillo was born in Tirano on February 24, 1918 and died in Sondrio on January 31, 2010. He was an Italian friar of the Order of Servants of Mary. His name was closely linked to Father David Maria Turoldo with whom he shared studies, experiences, ideals and the friends and collaborators of the *Corsia dei Servi*. <http://www.servidimaria.net/sitoosm/it/storia/teofilo/35.pdf> There was a significant representation from the Valtellina. The service was concelebrated by the friars of San Carlo priory. It was introduced by Fra Antonio M. Santini and concluded with a brief thanksgiving on behalf of the promotional committee.