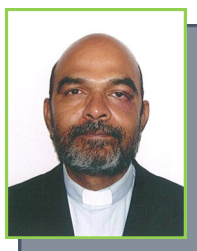


The Editor

With Easter joy and gratitude to God for the Good News of having a Pope like Francis, we bring to your hands this month's *Nuntia*.

"emes u cuch a ppic a pixan." This is an ancient Mayan proverb that translated says: ***"Diminish the excess of your soul's burden."*** What better time to do that than to step from Death to Life with Jesus Christ, Died and Risen. He, who took on the burden of our sins and has been reborn to the Fullness of Life, can and wants our life to be full and fruitful.

May God continue journeying with us and in us in order that we may continue in the daily effort to be Good News to the poorest.



Canonical Visitation of the Philippines and Papua New Guinea

By Varghese Thottamkara

Philippines:

I had the privilege and opportunity to visit all the communities in the Province of the Philippines from 27 January to 17 March 2013. I was able to travel to all the houses and meet most of the confreres in the province. The visit was well organized. The confreres went out of their way to make my visit as comfortable, enjoyable, and useful as possible. I returned with many positive impressions of the province. I was really touched by the enthusiasm, zeal, commitment, and hospitality of the confreres.

The province was begun by the Spanish missionaries in 1862. The main task of the missionaries at that time was forming the local clergy. So Vincentians started with seminary formation. Many seminaries were run by our confreres. But now the actual administration has been handed over to the dioceses; in most places we now give assistance and teach. The confreres are spread out into other ministries of education, pastoral work, and social service.

I am very happy with the positive impression I received of the province. The province is dynamic, energetic, enthusiastic, and promising. The Vincentian charism is active and the poor are served. There is an atmosphere of trust and hope in the province. The province has a lot of potential.

As the Philippines is a Catholic country where the majority of the people practice their faith, the Congregation has a lot of scope for growth in recruiting vocations. So I see the future of the Congregation depending much on the provinces of the southern hemisphere such as the Philippines.

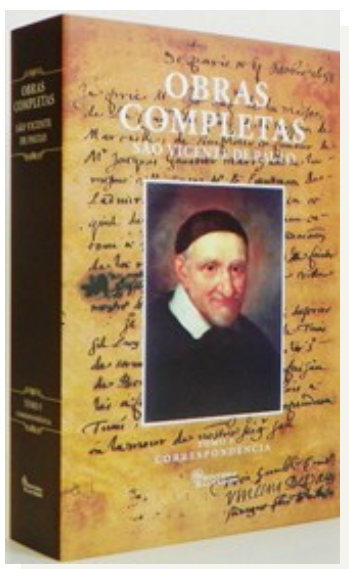




Papua New Guinea:

I proceeded from Manila to the International Mission of Papua New Guinea. At present, we have five confreres working in three dioceses besides our confrere-bishop, Rolly Santos of Alotau-Sidea Diocese. It is an extremely poor country, with little development and infra-structure. Our confreres do a laudable job in different ministries and are appreciated by the people and the local ordinaries. In the Port Moresby Diocese, two confreres are engaged in seminary formation and parish work. Another two are working for the holistic development of the mountain people of Goilala in the Bareina Diocese. One confrere is engaged in evangelization in the Torbiand Islands of the Alotau-Sidea Diocese, and another from the Philippines is expected to join him soon.

I was impressed by the hard work and commitment of our confreres in difficult terrains and challenging situations. Though they have few comforts and conveniences, they are happy and the people love them. The bishops also are very simple, welcoming, and appreciative. While appreciating and recognizing the excellent service of our confreres in these lands, let us ask God's blessing on their ministry and life.



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Panama is now a Canonical Region

By Alcibiades Guerra

Since January 1914, the Eastern Province of the United States has supported a Mission of evangelization in the Republic of Panama. This Mission grew from a few confreres to 30 in its better times. Nowadays it is made up of 19 confreres. Without doubt, these years contributed decidedly to the building of the Panamanian Church in diverse instances and places.

These 99 years have allowed us to grow both in our sense of community and in our apostolic responsibilities. The work of dozens of missionaries has extended, to various places and circumstances, Saint Vincent de Paul's charism and mission, so that our Congregation has a clear and definite face recognized by the Church and by the people.

We missionaries presently working in Panama under the Eastern Province have an awareness of our responsibilities as Vincentians. With the Superior General, Gregory Gay, and the Visitor, Michael Carroll, we face this new project of our Mission as Region of Panama with optimism and joy. We also have a clear understanding of our belonging to the International and Latin-American Community and feel that some inner fortitude also strengthens regional and hemispheric projects that mark our Vincentian horizon and way of being. It is not possible to be a hidden Vincentian in Panama. Our banks go beyond to where CLAPVI lives and where the entire Congregation journeys.

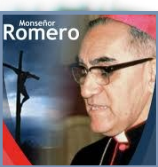
Our community has been strengthened in the charism and in evangelical commitment, in seeking new processes of lay formation, in the hopeful path of our students, and in the prompt dedication of the missionaries to the evangelization of the poor.

We ask everyone's prayer in order that this new stage of our Vincentian life might help us to understand and define, with a look toward the future, our commitment to the Church and to the Poor.

Congratulations and blessings to the Daughters of Charity who renew (pronounce again) their vows in these days. May the Lord continue to accompany them on their path with the poor.

"for monastery only the houses of the sick and the place where the Superioress resides, for cell a hired room, for chapel the parish church, for cloister the streets of the city, for enclosure obedience, with an obligation to go nowhere but to the homes of the sick or to places necessary for their service, for grill the fear of God, for veil holy modesty, and making no other profession to ensure their vocation than their constant trust in Divine Providence and by the offering they make to God of all that they are and of their service in the person of the poor; for all these reasons, they must have as much or more virtue than if they were professed in a religious Order; therefore, they will strive to conduct themselves in all those places with at least as much reserve, recollection, and edification as true religious in their convent."





Vincentian Studies Group – Brazil

On 9-10 March 2013, the first meeting of the Vincentian Studies Group (GEV) was held with the participation of representatives from the CM and DC provinces, designated by their respective Visitors/Visitatrices. The meeting took place in the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity of Rio de Janeiro. The group is open to the participation of other branches of the Vincentian Family and has, as aim, to study and deepen the Vincentian heritage in order to transmit it with consistency, showing its meaning and relevance. To reach this goal, the group proposes:

- To deepen, through readings, discussions, and studies, the principal contents of Vincentian heritage.
- To promote interest and stimulate the rediscovery of the Vincentian sources, through ongoing formation initiatives (publications, meetings, workshops, spiritual retreats, etc.).
- To be always available to the Branches and the Regional leaders of the Vincentian Family.

The group has begun its work with the hope that this new initiative will be a living reality to assist in the ongoing task of revitalizing Vincentian life and transmitting the spiritual heritage received from our Founders.



CLAPVI – Reconfiguration



In conformity with the conclusions of the General Assembly, CLAPVI's Provinces are working on the topic of Reconfiguration, understanding this as giving a new face to the Congregation, adapted to the current times.

It is a path that other provinces and also other congregations are walking. We can affirm that it is the way the whole Church has undertaken and from which we cannot remain exempt. In October 2012, in Costa Rica, the Provinces of CLAPVI North (the area of Central America and Caribbean) and CLAPVI South (Chile, Argentina, Peru, Ecuador, and the Mission of Bolivia) met separately; in November 2012, the Provinces of Brazil met. To deepen the topic and the concrete proposals for reconfiguration, new meetings are scheduled for this year:

CLAPVI North already has a date for its new meeting: 27-31 May;

CLAPVI Brazil will hold its meeting in Belo Horizonte from 16-19 April, with the participation of the three Provincial Councils of the Brazilian Provinces and with Eli Chaves's presence;

CLAPVI South held its second meeting in Buenos Aires from 18-19 March, with Javier Alvarez's participation.

To reconfigure is to exercise creative fidelity, to seek a new historical figure, to translate the original charism in new attitudes, practices, and structures, adapted to the current reality. It is a vast process of creation and change, of building a new way of being and demolishing outdated forms and expressions of life today. It requires personal and community conversion. It always has the grace dimension and the vocational call of the Spirit. It is the horizon to be threshed, dreamed, and sought after for a revitalization of the Congregation of the Mission in view of "building a great history" in following Christ, the evangelizer of the poor.

Nominaciones / Confirmaciones

DUARTE ALONSO Pedro	19/01/2013	Director DC Argentina
GONZÁLEZ LÓPEZ Antonio	19/01/2013	Director Dc Venezuela
MAŁŻEŃSKI Kazimierz G.	13/03/2013	Director DC Warsaw
LÓPEZ MASIDE José María	15/03/2013	Director DC Spain South
MOLINA SALMERÓN Antonio	27/03/2013	Director DC Spain (Madrid)

Ordinationes

MARONGIU Silvano	Sac	Tau	15/09/2012
SANTOS NÚÑEZ José Israel	Sac	Por	16/02/2013
COLOYAN PEREZ Rogelio II	Sac	Phi	16/03/2013
PORCINCULA Geowen	Sac	Phi	16/03/2013

Necrologium

Nomen	Cond	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
LACHOWSKI Joseph M (Fe de Errata)	Sac	20/12/2012	Nan	84	65
TOLU Antonio Vincenzo	Sac	27/12/2012	Mad	82	66
DASSONVILLE Edgar René	Sac	29/01/2013	Par	93	57
FUERTE BOLÍVAR Alfonso	Fra	30/01/2013	Col	86	67
GUIRITAN GUIRIT Ruperto	Sac	07/03/2013	Phi	57	39
HENRIQUES DA SILVA Manuel	Sac	07/03/2013	Lus	82	65
CULLIGAN Martin	Sac	22/03/2013	Occ	85	65