

CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION PROVINCE OF NEW ENGLAND

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On December 24, 2007, our Superior General wrote in a letter to the confreres of the New England Province of the Congregation of the Mission: “Together with your Visitor, there is a need for all the members of the Province to reflect upon and discuss where you will be seven years from now.”

Before attending the establishment of the new Western Province and the installation of its first Provincial, the Very Reverend Perry Henry, that took place in January 2010 in San Antonio, I wrote a letter of request to all confreres of the New England Province of the Congregation of the Mission. I asked them to send me their vision of the future of our Province. I did not ask specific questions but was looking for their general thoughts about our future.

Twenty-three of twenty-seven confreres responded with their visions. After reading each letter carefully, I have concluded the following:

- To carry on our mission serving in our Polish American parishes: 18 confreres
- Status quo of New England Province of the Congregation of the Mission: 14 confreres
- Openness for the collaboration with the Eastern Province: 10 confreres
- Openness for the collaboration with the Polish Province: 9 confreres
- Strong voice for the reconfiguration with the Eastern Province: 4 confreres
- Strong voice for the reconfiguration with the Polish Province: 2 confreres

I think that these responses are worthy to present and discuss during the National Conference of Visitors which will take place on April 15, 2010 in Manchester.

I will also present this information during our celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the New England Province on April 23, 2010 in Manchester and there will be further discussion relating to our future vision.

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